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Clinton, [August] 22/62 – 9 P.M.

Dearest Wife & Children,

Again, I must write a letter, in stead of going myself. <u>At last</u>, I have got the <u>Chaplaincy</u>. This after noon at 2 oclock I was appointed, almost unan imously, and began to make arrangements to go home, and lo! a dispatch came, that the United States Officer to Muster in the Reg. would be here tomorrow

(page 2, left column) So I have to stay. We are trying to charter an extra train to take us up on Saturday night or Sunday morning, if so I will come. But don't be too sure about it. If I don't come at this time I will without fail be home on Monday. So have the buggy at the depot. We will go to Benton on Tuesday or Wednesday. I will send a letter out to them tomorrow, with Rev. Robert Brotherton, who is going out. I will tell John, either to wait until we come, or to come to our place

(page 2, right column) on Monday. You will begin to get things ready for me as fast as you well can, as I will have but a few days to be at home. The Reg. has orders to go to Benton Barracks, as soon as possible. Now Dear wife & children I want you to sink resigned ly into this arrangement, and bear it as well as possible. I have considered the matter well, and have prayed much since I left home, about it, and now it is so so we will try and do our best, and see what [---]

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out Reg. imaginable! The men and officers all seem to be kind and respectful Especially Col. Dye - he is one of the finest and noblest men I ever met with. This all will be very pleasant to me. Tell Bro. Laglas there are good prospects for a Clinton co., Reg., and his friends think he can get the Chaplaincy - if he wants it, and tend to it in time. Rev. Brotherton just came from Rev Wileys, He is doing finely - is about well. But Emma is not yet able to teach, He is going out to see your folks. Your most affectionate Husband Sat. Morning 23 Things look as though wold get home some time tonight, but you need not bring

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(page 1, right column) On the boat Northerner 60 miles from St. Louis Sabbath Sept. 7 – 62 – 4 pm.

Dear Wife & children -

I have just preached my first sermon on board a Steam=Boat, wo I will devote a few moments to you. Wish I could be with you; but so it is -I am already far away and still going. I am however in good health; and feel like going on. Yesterday we passed Burlington and Keokuk cities. At Nauvoo we had to get into Barges, to go over the Rapids, 12 miles. I saw the remains of "Joe Smiths Temple! A beautiful situation. At Keokuk we took the Northerner. Last night the musketoes were pretty bad on the boat.

(page 2, left column) I had a State room. Have to pay 50 cents a meal for my living on the Boat. My transportation is free, but have to board myself - and all the rest of the officers board on the boat, so I am going it with them. I was to preach this morning at 10-, but just as we were ready to commence, the boat stopped to wood, so we put it off until 2. I stood in the bow of the boat, and there were 2 side boats full, and the deck – cabin, and top of the boat, were as full as they could hold - there are about 1100 on the boat. I stood on a box and did the best I could from my old text John 3,16. Got along finely. Saw a number shedding tears. Hope good was

done – We had most splendid singing -- --

(page 2, right column) Some time tonight we expect to get to St. Louis. I will then write some more, and send it. It is very hard writing on the boat as it trembles so. Sat. AM 8th - Got to St. Louis last night at 9 oclock staid on the boat all night. Was nearly eaton up my the Musquetoes. St. Louis is a large place - 140 thousand inhabitants. Is 5 miles long. Is built on the old French stile - narrow, & irregular streets. They have street cars. I am now agoing to ride in them out to the Barracks - 3 miles. Sept. 9th - 9 AM - Got to Benton Barracks at 10 yesterday. It is a splendid place. A fine country. Every thing in order & stile. Looks healthy. Have fine Barracks, and buildings I slept in my "quarters" last night but ate in a boarding House, at 25 cent a meal. For the first time took out my bedding - slept fine.

(page 1, left column) Had a nice wooden lounge to make it on. Our quarters are a regular house - plastered, & painted - with rooms, kitchen, & cooking-stove. A Hydron at the door, have "Privey" - [--] &c all in stile - A great many officers have their women here living just like at home. If I thought we wood stay any length of time, I would have you come down. For all the Regimental Officers - we have 4 good sized rooms & dining room & Kitchen. And 2 clothes presses. Today I intend to draw my "rations" and commence on my own [hook] yesterday, I saw a number of the 14<sup>th</sup> who have been sent to this

place on "Parole." I saw Palmer and Scoles, and others that i know are here. They look rather bad. Bonstell is still a prisner, but they are to be exchanged soon. There are about 8000 soldiers here My health is first rate. I just "revel" in peaches & Pears &c. They have peaches that would not go into a tin-cup. We can buy anything and everything you could imagine right here in the Barracks. I find the great thing is money – I have borrowed 20 dollars from one of the soldiers. But I must stop, will see about getting dinner. I wish you were here to do it for me. Write soon send me the N.W.C. Advocate. Be of good cheer. I will soon write again. Yours U. Eberhart

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Rolla M. O. Dent. 15'-62.

Searest Whe + Children :- Gesterday mains at 4-got up- packed my affairs got a lite of break pear. and at five mas on my "Pet" ready to march an Andag as it was - Of is nother stronge that we have to march on Annoling every time. Our officers are not. to blam, but some bady is. At 11 is an we took the cars at It. Louis. There were I was on the train, We had rather on mulless int ride - no quare water - and nothing to eat but a few cakes, and freuches which we pought along the road - we got to Ralla at 5 of night , and had no place to go to, and no test, or Barlack. -On tents were mis-sent to Scholice - So In laid tonen om the Alat farm, and the soft side of a flank-I have my carpet=sack for a fillow, and my qual alle puthpul Clout for a covering. It was a beautiful Clear might-just card enough - and I slept grand. and feel findrete this maring, Though we have nothing but the believe variet of heaven, has any concerning, and this is a warm day - Alerty of shall the place This is the most miser able - god for baken - of no mai-Kind of a contry & have ever been in. Mathing but barren hills, and hocks to the and the. I Oclock at night. This evening of I me got marching arders to go to Whingville, as we got news that the Melle year Heintzerman is coming with 20,000 men. So all'is bristle and conforsion thought

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(Envelope) Rev. Mrs. U. Eberhart Marion Linn Co. Iowa

(along left edge) St. Louis Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

(postmark) ST LOUIS SEP 14 MO. Monday AM 10 oclock Rolla MO. Sept. 15' – 62

Dearest Wife & children Yesterday morning at 4 - got up - packed my affairs - got a bite of breakfast and at five was on my "Pet" ready to march Sunday as it was. It is rather strange that we have to march on Sundays every time. Our officers are not to blame, but some body is. At 11 AM we took the cars at St. Louis. There were 1000 on the train. We had rather an unpleasant ride - no good water - and nothing to eat but a few cakes, and peaches which we bought along the road. We got to Rolla at 8 at night, and have no place to go to, and no tents, or Barracks. Our tents were mis-sent to Sedalia - si I and the rest laid down on the platform, and the "soft side of a plank" I had my carpet=sack for a pillow, and my good old faithful cloak for a covering. It was a beautiful clear night - just cool enough - and I slept grand and feel first rate this morning. Though we have nothing but the blue vault of heaven for any covering, and this is a warm day - Plenty of shade trees but they are not here. This is the most miserable - God-forsaken - of no use - kind of country I have ever been in. Nothing but barren hills, and rocks [--] 9 oclock at night. This evening at 7 we got marching orders, to go to Shingville, so we got news that the rebel Gen. Heintzeman is coming with 30,000 men. So all is bristle and confusion tonight.

I suppose there will be very little sleeping done this night - as we are to start at 5 in the AM, and wall the rations for 4 days to make out, and cook. And all the mules, and waggons to hitch up for the first time. Tomorrow we are to try marching for the first time. It is about 140 miles to Shingville - it will take us about 8 days if we have good luck. There are about 10,000 men here, and 4000 are starting tomorrow - about 15,000 have already gone ahead. I think we will be able to raise an army of 30=40,000 in 10 or 12 days. And easy with the rebels. We captured 8 rebels to-day & a few days ago they caught a Rebel Major They have him here. I saw the Secesh Flag he had today. They have a fort here, with several "40 pounders", Tonight I am in a tent for the first time - and that is not our own. Our tents are to follow us tomorrow. They say we have a very good road from here to Springfield. I am glad that we are to go into a large army. Gen. Herren is here, and takes charge of our Brigade. I have not very much faith in him But we have a good Col. that I think will help us out. Our officers generally are a fine set of men. But we are hurried too much, but think we can fight as well as the rebels can.

My dear wife - I would have many things to say to you, if I could be with you, but feel almost too tired and sleepy tonight to write much. I hope you will all be comfortable, and as happy as possible in our present circumstances. So, about that scolarship for Naomi, just as you can and think best. And about moving up to [--], do just as you wish & like. And get just such papers as you like. If you have the money for I have only 6 dollars to my name, - and from this on must pay for my rations - all but forage all the Reg. Officers must. I wrote to John for some more money, but it will be hard to get it after we get down south so far. But I will not suffer so long as the rest have any. Today I made the acquaintance of several Chaplains. I find them generally, very fine men - nearly all Methodists. 8 of our men had to go to the hospital today that cant go with us. The disease principally measles, some ague. Oats & corn, are a very poor crop - and sell for 80 per bushels. Peaches & apples are still [plenty] But I have not found anything fit to eat since down here. The people are awfully behind the times. And the one half are Secesh. But I think there will be a change soon And I hope for the better.

Write to me often, as I may not get all the letters. I will also write every 2 or 3 days. Direct your letters to the 20<sup>th</sup> [Reg. Ia.] Via St. Louis & Rolla, MO, and they will follow us. I must close – good night God bless you all. Kiss <u>Florrie</u>. As every your affectionate Husband, U. Eberhart P.S. You might let the Editor see this especially the first part and let him

make extracts for publication.

Enclosed you will find a picture, which I send to Florrie. Tell her to kiss it for me. you see I had it taken with my blouse on – only the upper button buttoned. The hat, had to be too much on the back of my head to keep the face from being shaded. Still you can see a part of the wreath. You perceive that I have shaved by lips. I let them (the beard) grow until a few days ago. I could not endure the hair on my lips, when eating and preaching. I had to pay 50 cents for this picture. They are high. If I have the money, I would send you some photographs, but I have only 6 dollars left. So I must put if off for the present. I have written to John for more money Let Naomi see this picture as soon as you can - she wrote me to send her one. I am glad you rent to Anamosa. They will enjoy your selves as well as you can - all of you. I find my lot, thus far, much more pleasant than I expected. Tell Florrie I am going to fetch that little "niggie." There were in contrabands came in this morning. I had quite a talk with them. They seem pretty intelligent. I could have one of them free gratis, but dont as yet feel like taking one. But may after while - they have taken 2 or 4 in the Reg. I wrote to Rebecca today - Write as soon as you get this. Your most faithful, true, and loving husband U. Eberhart.

Benton Barracks Sept 15/62 Dearest Little Treasure -This morning

I sent you a full letter, addressed to Alvin; but his P.M. I got yours, Alvins, and Mothers, so I will write again this evening before starting. Your letter was the first form your own hand since I left home. I began to think long to hear from the woman of the house. I had just been feeling a little despondent, but your letter roused me up. And caused me to shed a few tears, for the first since I bid you adieu. You must not infer form this that I think but little of, and about you. I think of you almost every hour and pray for all of you often. Since here at his place I read my chapter morning and evening and have my devotions just as though I were in a family. And I enjoy myself well in religion. I have spent this day pretty much with the sick, we have some 15 sick a few have bilious fever.

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## Camp near Lebanon MO Sept 20th/62 My Dear Wife & Children,

It is 4 P.M. We have just arrived in camp, after traveling 15 miles. The weather is very hot, and the roads dusty, so that the men get very tired. The country is getting a little better. They have corn and apples. The peaches and nearly all over. The have plenty of Pon-Pons - Buck-eye - grapes &c. There is also plenty of sasafras - I make tea of it. Made some for the Col. the other day – he liked it first rate. I still like the Col. – though he is not very social – but fully as much so to me as any of the rest. But we have a pretty hard qr-master - Don't say much about it. We thought this morning we would have a fight in a day or two – but to night we hear the enemies is gone. Some 5 or 6,000 had gathered together near Springfield - but last Sunday they were whipped out by our troops that are there. This is Saturday evening, and I can't write much - my health is still first rate - never felt better - others have colds, chills, diarrhea &c - but I have nothing of the kind. I walk a good deal, and let the sick ride. My Pony does well. The only thing I have to regret is the great amount of wickedness; and we travel all the time Sundays not excepted, so that I have a poor chance to do anything for them, and it is astonishing how fast some learn to "do evil" with so much bad example. Good Bye.

I have just now learned that I can send this letter tomorrow, so I will finish it. O how I wish I could spend the coming Sabbath at home with you, in quietness - instead of traveling. There are several reasons why they say we must travel - one is to get up to Springfield as soon as possible - to reinforce that place the other is we have rations only for 3 days more. Last night I dreamed for the first time that I was at home with you. When I awoke this morning and found that it was a dram I felt badly. But soon the sound of the Army called me to duty, and I forgot it all. I make myself happy and contented. Have many congenial friends. Got a letter from Bro. D. P. Some of them are sick. Their child is not expected to live. Got a letter from [--] May and one from John with 10 \$. I have only got one letter from your own dear hand since I left. Don't think you write often enough. Some may come yet. Accept a kiss from me tonight - And 1 for Florrie - and if Alvin wants one - give him one. Goodness & mercy be continually with you is the prayer of your affectionate U. Eberhart

Yeht 25" 1862 the star amp one mile from thing field the My Dear Hamily We arised at this place yestesday, at 2 o. cloch, and on my arrival. I got letter pears my mike & daughter written ferme Mi Verner and permany done - and fer an Isball. I tell you I was represhing nerves from a far county ofter a 9 days march. I also got one firm Mis therhard, and last sobbath. The one you wrote an Dunday every when it Marmed it was just one much from the time you wrote it, mutil I read it. We had marched 12 miles through the dust, and I had anomed preaching for the evening, and felt somewher Miscomaged, when lo! The P. M. handed me your letter. It greatly incouraged me, and I went to work in good corner and got up a little & and we had the best meeting we have had since I an in the energy. I also got 2 no. of the WWA. Bedue av send the lest. But have not received any of the Marin popers. Why that they article to the Dorenhost Appette, and he sent meth When I down you go and get support & c. clo da at night. I have had my supper, and then the prayer meeting, and now will write a few mall lines to you. Dit I mill tell you what I had for suppor Award bread - a fin going chicken and dage two. At noon I had fush hule & potatues, I have made arrangements with a good German back to assist me a little. But an rather tind

of the cooking business. We officers, court now an rations - We must bing then where me can ) and in This country it is hard to get mucho At is a new arrangement they have made, that Officers and draw rations, I think somen thing my hard think Bro, Incore mile Whe me in at 2 dollars per nack. This wice Save me all trachte I must tend to my any myself. I can't thise neglads. I mait have any mulifs I can have a tristy on The steal like 50 - and the most of the officers are getting tind of them Or day, I was in Munspield and mode allangements with the I agent of the CA. Sible Society to have an day Supplied with destainents and tracts - grot mainly I am a little man encouraged about doing your , but as ampole, there a great amont of vice. in camp - My men seen to respect me but it is hard to get them to repain from evil Thingfield, is nothing mice place - or has been It is almost runed by the war. All least mel is shopt, but the was business some that The Stare & ships any open Jean 12-2 -all the i men of eny ratik spinist wark on the forte on an used for military of Prestyteran and I am to preach in it next solloth all the rest of the minister have lift. The end mucher

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## Sept 25, 1862

Camp one mile from Springfield MO. We arrived at this place My Dear Family yesterday at 2 oclock, and on my arrival I got letters from my wife& daughter, written from Mt. Vernon and from my Son - and from Bro. Isbell. I tell you it was refreshing news from a far country after a 9 days march. I also got one from Mrs. Eberhart, on last Sabbath. The one you wrote on Sunday evening when it stormed it was just one week from the time you wrote it, until I read it. We had marched 12 miles through the dust, and I had announced preaching for the evening, and felt somewhat discouraged, when lo!the P.M. Handed me your letters. It greatly encouraged me, and I went to work in good earnest and got up a little [-] and we had the best meeting we have had since I am in the army. I also got 2 no. of the NWA. Be sure and send the rest. But have not received any of the Marion papers. Why don't they send them? Did they publish my pieces? I sent an article to the "Davenport Gazette," and he sent me the paper. But I must go and get supper - 8 o'clock at night. I have had my supper, and been to prayer meeting, and now will write a few more lines to you. First I will tell you what I had for supper. Good bread - a fine young chicken and sage tea. At noon I had fresh beef & potatoes. I have made arrangements with a good German Cook to assist me a little. But am rather tired

of the cooking business. We, officers, can't draw our rations - we must buy them where we can and in this country it is hard to get much. It is a new arrangement they have made, that Officers can't draw rations. I think some of hiring my [bard]. Think Bro. Lucase will take me in at 2 dollars per week. This will save me all trouble. I must tend to my Pony myself. I can't trust these negroes. I won't have any unless I can have a trusty one The steal like 50 - and the most of the officers are getting tired of them. Today, I was in Springfield and made arrangements with the agent at the A. Bible Society to have our Reg. Supplied with Testaments and tracts - gratuaisly I am a little more encouraged about doing good but, as a whole, there is a great amount of vice in camp. My men seem to respect me but it is hard to get them to refrain from evil Springfield is rather a nice place - or has been. It is almost ruined by the war. All business is stopt, but the war business save that the stores & shops are open from 12-2 – all the men, of any rank must work on the forti fications around the city. All the churches, but one are used for military purposes save a Presbyterian and I am to preach in it next sabbath - all the rest of the ministers have left. The city number about 3000

Oh! You folks in Iowa have not the least idea of the horrors of this war. Nearly everything living both in the animal and vegatable kingdoms are destroyed. About the one half the houses are destroyed, and the farms thrown open and lying waste. In some places beautiful orchards all ruined. Both armies have reportedly passed through - and it is hard to tell which is the worst. And those few that still live, are mostly women & negroes - and as poor as poverty can be. I saw but onr church from Rolla to Springfield, and that was not finished – and heard of but one school and that was an Eastern lady with half dozen children that taught her own, and some of the neighbors children. I know not how long we will stay in this place, but think we may stay a week or two in this vicinity. There are about 10- or 12,000 here. I suppose when we go we will go to Arkansas - to Today I have been in the Little Rock. service  $1 \mod -\infty$  I suppose then is due me at least \$125 – this will pay all I borrow ed for my outfit &c. The next will be clear gain But my candle is out and I must stop - goodnight. Friday Sep 26 – Will finish my letter – have just been to town with my dirty clothes to get them washed – must pay 10 cents per shirt & collar. Still have a clean that you did up for me. My socks & underclothes I wash myself.

My health is first rate never better. We have good water here. A great many are sick. We left about 80 in the different hospitals along the road and there are some 20 in the hospital here - The principal disease is measles - some diarrhea and some ague. They have them pretty easy thus far only 3 have died in our Regiment and they died at St. Louis. We have not had rain enough to lay the dust, since we left St. Louis. The weather is warm and everything is withering. It is true the nights are quit cool – with heavy dews. We have plenty of peaches here, at 20 for 5 cents but not near so good & perfect as those at St. Louis. I was glad to learn that Alvin has got a place - if I had him here I would be glad but it would never do for him to start after me - it would not be safe. If you can't get 15\$ for the cow, I think I would keep her. Do with the rest of the things as you think best. Let me know in your next when you move. I am sorry for for Bro. Woodward, I will write to her to send those papers to you. I will write to Bro. Taylor soon. Want him to write to me - think he had better take the Chaplaincy - all the Chaplains in this country but 1 are Methodists. Some fine men - we often meet together. The 18<sup>th</sup> Iowa is here. I meet a great many acquaintances here - many from Pa. I wish you would subscribe for the Chicago Evening Journal for 3 months - and as soon as you read them re-mail them to me. I may not get news all of them, but would get some of them, and you would get them. I would subscribe for it but have not got the money – you must direct to Springfield Mo. "to follow the Reg." We hear but little from the East – and not much from the West. We are shut out from all the world. Enclosed you will find the piece published in the Gazette he left out tha part of it because so many others had written the same. I will try and write again for you paper before we leave here. Tell Florrie Pa sees lots of Secesh and plenty of niggers. You must be a good girl till I come home, and I will bring you something. Adieu to all May heavens blessings richly rest upon you is the sincere prayer of

U. Eberhart

(9 at nights Camp-14 mile south of Philippiele Supt 30/62 My Deas Wife: I have already writter one letter to Sea David , and one to Bro- Solelle, but helpare returns I will her a pero lines to your I have shut The day in fixing up my things, and getting ready to march. To night ne received orkers to be ready with & day Notions by to-marian A battle is expected in a day or two yen this man is only 30 or 40 miles of with some to and new. To-day we heard firing in that direction. We connot yet raise this muches, but thick we can easy whip them as we are much letter armed We how I carina in an Brigade - and a good may man in the any, Nearly all ais men have benfield Riples, with 40 North of anis within doinght, fin my smy little tent have, I can see the watch fires of some good men, this what a sight, I before Then an not less then too wappens I ad good houses + mules, All the cam in the country is token to beek Then Oh, the desalation and distinction though This culty, And here the country is fritty yout - Justs like Ima - I still got flerty of pixches - all the any cannot destrug them. But I must sug good night - Wish I could see you , and give you a good night hiss. But must be ortified with your pietun and that looks rothen disponding - but is a quet sotis paction to me -especially Floring It louts so cute

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# (9 at night)

Camp 14 miles south of Springfield Sept 30/62 My Dear Wife, I have already written one letter to Bro. David, and one to Bro. [--], but before retiring I will pen a few lines to you. I have went the day in fixing up my things, and getting ready to march. Tonight we received orders to be ready with 8 day rations by tomorrow. A battle is expected in a day or two Gen. Hindman is only 30 or 40 miles of with some 20,000 men. Today we heard firing in that direction. We cannot yet raise this number, but think we can easy whip them as we are much better armed. We have 7 cannon in our Brigade and a good many men in the army. Nearly all our men have Enfield rifles, with 40 rounds of ammunition. Tonight, from my snug little tent home, I can see the watch fires of some good men. Oh! What a sight. I suppose there are not less than 900 waggons and 3000 horses & mules. All the corn in the county is taken to feed them. Oh! The desolation and distruction through this country. And here the country is pretty good. Looks like Iowa – I still get plenty of peaches – all the army cannot destroy them. But I must say good night. Wish I could see you, and give you a good night kiss. But must be satisfied with your picture, and that looks rather disponding - but is a great satisfaction to me – especially Florries It looks so cute.

Oct 1, AM 8 o'clock We have just now received marching orders. The probability is that we shall come in contact with the enemy in a day or two. Our men slept on their arms last night, and put out their camp fires. A good deal of excitement. I think it will have a good effect on the morals of the men. I have not time to write any more don't let this news alarm you! You know I always write the circumstances just as they are God will protect me Pray for me As ever your Affectionate

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Camp-near Wewtony, Wewton co. Mo. Oct 5'/62-ct.mio

My Dear wife: This heartiful sobbath dayfinds me yoo miles from horn, out miller the one heavens, without any tents, or anything to eat at Meant \_ but in good healths, and in as good Sprints as the notice of the case mill admit of. I have nothing to comprise of but the wicked nep that prevails all aroud. The hard ships I do not mind. This kind of life I think agrees with me. I som the teal about proching this A. m. and he said there was other business to attack to, so I will mite you the history of the for days past, On last Friday evening at I we got arders to march to this place. We tack no tents or wagyons - very afew notions. It in a preed march, as we got news That the energies 12, and string, and well entrenched, and an force that had attached the were repulsed. So your must in a hung marched al night. It samed hast of the time. I did not get met, as I got me un bil clothe cake it Shrippile that comes down below my Marcel - it cast 2,50, We brought up the rear. When about 2 miles from the floce at g in the A.M. we got the news to go up on the double quick. So our boys got wild with outhusi one und cost away this plankets, haversochste and rushed forward with a firsed deter mination to fright. The energy were entrenched on a large provier, a aflat, in a large Stone Burn with it acres

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Sunday

Camp near Newtony, Newton Co., MO. Oct 5/62 - AM 10 My Dear Wife -This beautiful sabbath day finds me 800 miles from home, out under the open heavens, without any tents, or anything to eat at present – but in good health, and in as good spirits as the nature of the case will admit of. I have nothing to complain of but the wickedness that prevails all around. The hardships I don not mind. This kind of life I think agrees with me. I saw the Col. about preaching this A.M. and he said there was other business to attend to, so I will write you the history of the few days past. On last Friday evening at 7 we got orders to march to this place. We took no tents or waggons only a few rations. It was a forced march, as we got news that the enemy was 12,000 strong, and well entrenched, and our force that had attacked them were repulsed. So off we went in a hurry, marched al night. It rained part of the time. I did not get wet as I got me an oil cloth cape, at Springfield that comes down below my knees – it cost 2.50. We brought up the rear. When about 2 miles from the place at 8 in the A.M. we got the news to go up on the double quick. So our boys got wild with enthusi asm - and cast away their blankets, haversacks &c and rushed forward with a fixed determination to fight. The enemy were entrenched on a large prairie, a a flat, in a large Stone Barn – with 40 acres

enclosed around the barn, with a high stone wall. From the Barn, where they had a very large canon the prairie gradually ascended for miles, so I could see all round for 6-7 miles. They "set the battle in array," and came up on two sides. We had about 10,000-22 pieces of artillery, about one half cavalry and the other half Infantry and 1200 Indians, with rifles on horseback. I started on my Pony, 2 miles off with the Drs &c. It was a terriffic sight. The Kansas Regs made the attack, but after a few volleys the enemies commenced to Skedaddle in earnest. The Indians & Kansas troops followed the killing a great many – I know not yet how many nor how far they will follow, Our men were too much exhausted to follow. We are now awaiting our trains, and tents &c and then will follow on. The next place we expect to find them is about 30 miles from here, at Cross Hallows where they are well fortified. It is near the Arkansas line. O I have strange feelings! When I saw them marching up to the deadly conflict, but could scarcely refrain from rushing right in among them. The Indians were painted, and looked awfully savage! Our reg. took 2 prisoners, so much for us O the desolation of war. Think of 20,000 men, and half that many horses going through a neighborhood - grabbing up everything they can get. We had no provisions and so our men killed all the cattle, sheep, hogs, geese, turkeys, chickens & they could get and took all the corn, oats, hay &c in the country but I must close for this time. I have much to do.

Cassville, Darry Cu. M.D. Oct. 14. 1862 My Dear Wipe: Last Sabbath evening, ofter marching 12 miles, I got now letter of The 28 with and your letter of the 30" with the little Boy of Days, time to, and the litteress of your Dear self. Apon may well suppose that tongue connot express the pleasure and jury it offarted me and in addition to this to see Mr- white. I read letters mutil nearly midnight. The tid is in season - though I don't use so much since I make with lecht Barry, as they how the teo nearly enny meals that it may me out. So I put it all into the little Docked That candy pinch is somether when an pinches in this curty. I have not eater that much Condy smeeld an in the service. There is none in This canty, and I have no money to shend in this wing. I am now leading a lipe of 'self-denial, to I must day my sells of carly, But above all other things, I purged the likenegs. I think it the hest I have ever seen of you. The and had did not bring you filly to my mind but this one hits the shot. I showed it to a quat ming that some you at Dovenhast, and they all Anero you. I see you we getting heather, I think Withere hard agrees with you. My heath is still very good. I still believe it will brild up my general system, and make me a Stoutes man.

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Wing and Artilities and that and with I think I show now received all you boack letter. We have established a daily mail from thing field to the array , so I think me will get all on letter now But you would be astonished to see all the letter that come to the arrive I am ving well sotisfied with the dishosition of the caro the. Do just as you can, and you know I an Artispice I sent a littles to Warnin yesterday, masing. her that she cuite toke music lessons next term of the teacher Around to be the light Stripe. I also continued her against extronigance. I thik I will draw 236 \$ in a per make. Payday, comes in 10 days, and then there mile be due me 236 dullars, I got just 100 dallars per hanth- e notive and my hasseperd. The hosepred can not be committed, the rations will be Ot is 60 Cents her day - or 18 dollars her monithe. of this I have not drawn my yet. It I get it, I will pay my Paney and barrowed more, and dud you some to very off all little Wiles-It is mitting money quite past if it does go Ahrengt met & dry. I write John the sidera Dome meney. Man risked to know if I "really littled it " ad was contented". I like it fully as well as I effected. Then an som mo pleasant things , and some putty have things to Induce But I am certainly as much Con tended as I could be mithant you & my family.

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Cassville, Barry Co., Mo Oct. 14, 1862

#### My Dear Wife,

Last Sabbath evening, after marching 12 miles, I got you letter of the 28th and your letter of the 30th with the little Box of Sage, [--], and the likeness of your Dear Self. You may well suppose that tongue cannot express the pleasure and joy it afforded me - and in addition to this to see Mr. Eliott. I read letters until nearly midnight. The tea is in season though I don't use so much since I mess with Capt. Barney, as they have store tea nearly every meal. But is may run out,. So I put it all into the little sack. That candy peach is sweeter than our peaches in this country. I have not eaten that much candy since I am in the service. There is none in this country, and I have no money to spend in that way. I am now leading a life of "self-denial", so I must deny myself of candy. But above all other things, I prized the likeness. I think it the best I have ever seen of you. The one I had did not bring you fully to my mind, but this one hits the shot. I showed it to a great many that saw you at Davenport, and they all knew you. I see you are getting healthier, I think [--] agrees with you. My health is still very good. I still believe it will build up my general system, and make me a stouter man.

We have only marched 12 miles since I wrote you last Saturday, and that was on Sunday. We are now at this place, waiting for reinforcements. May lie here some time, as report says, the rebels are 40,000 strong at Cross Hallows, and further down in Arkansas, so we will not go until we are strong enough to meet them. This has been a fine town. The co. seat with a fine court-House, Hotels, and other buildings, but now there are only the women, children, and slaves of 7 poor families left. A fine stream mill, and other buildings have been burned. The Hotels and some very fine buildings are empty The men are either killed, or in one of the armies. The lower part of the Court House is occupied by Gen. Totten's horses and the upper part is a jail for our prisoners. The law books are scattered all over - but the horses would rather have oats, than books - for here we have nothing but green corn. This county is one mass of ruins. It will take 50 years to bring it out again. This morning I visited the graves of the dead of "Pea Ridge." We are only 20 miles from the battlefield; and they brought the wounded here. I saw the names of many Iowa soldiers. I see many things, that I cannot write to you, but I write the most. And think I do pretty well for writing.

I think I have now received all your back letters. We have established a daily mail from Springfield to the army, so I think we will get all our letters now. But you would be astonished to see all the letters that come to the army. I am very well satisfied with the disposition of the [--] Do just as you can, and you know I am satisfied I sent a letter to Naomi yesterday, informing her that she could take music lessons next term if the teacher proved to be the right stripe. I also cautioned her against extravigance. I think I will draw 236\$ in a few weeks. Pay day comes in 10 days, and then there will be due me 236 dollars. I get just 100 dollars per month - a rating and my horse feed - The horse feed can not be commuted. The rations will be It is 60 cents per day - or 18 dollars per month. Of this I have not drawn any yet. If I get it, I will pay my pony and borrowed money, and send you some to pay off all little [--] [It is making many quite fast – if it does go through wet & dry.?] I wrote John to send you You wished to know if I some money. "really liked it and was contented." I like it fully as well as I expected. There are some unpleasant things, and some pretty hard things to endure. But I am certainly as much contented as I could be without you & my family.

The officers and soldiers all treat me with respect. I have not had a single unpleasant word with any one, but with the Qr Master. And that was nothing, only telling him positively that I must have my share of feed for my horse. He is a poor, [--]-less fellow. Last week all the Captains met and resolved he must do better or be dismissed. I think he will resign. Col. Dye is still the same gentlemanly man that he was at first. I have to see a great deal of wickedness - especially swearing - during the marches, and rains, our [--] considerable. So many are sick - over 100 in this Reg. are in the Dr's. Hands. They are not [--], have diarrhea, Don't take care of themselves. I visit the Hospital at least once a day, Pray and talk with the sick. I still attend to my horse myself can't get a trusty negro - wish [Allen] was with me. Think I must bring him and you down next Spring when I come home We have 6 women in the Reg. but they have hard times. They wash & sew for their support. I have my shirts with one of them now, in Capt. Cooks co. I still have one shirt clean that you did up for me. I keep it for some special occasion. I have quit wearing collars - we all have. I have just commenced wearing wollen stockings & drawers. I have again commenced letting all my beard grow but my upper lip. It is growing all over my cheeks you will be astonished at my beard - I will let it grow as long as Col. Dyes. My [hair are shingled] close. I wear my blouse every day & my other coat Sundays. I have a canteen in which I keep my water to drink, & to wash in the morning. I use all my bedding, but the sheets. One of them I have [-] nice & clean, I can scarcely ever get straw to fill my bed so I just spread it on the ground. I first put down my oil cloth [-] to prevent the damp from striking through. The nights are pretty cold I wear my over coat evenings & mornings. We generally get up at 4 or 5 in the morning and go to bed at 9. I march just when I please - generally with the Dr. behind the army balances they follow close behind the Reg. My tent is [-] from the cold - just in front of the center of the Reg. Now I believe I have answered all your questions - ask more I will answer. I cannot always think of, or know, what would most interest you, so you had better ask the questions. I got the letter from Bro. David Martin. I should a little rather had the quit-claim deed, and made the thing from [--] but if the money is sent I will leave it for the present, and you take the money and use it as you please. I have not yet received the camp-appointments, they may come yet but you preserve them – or I tell you what to do – procure me the minutes from some of the preachers, and send them to me now see to that will you my <u>Dove.</u> I know you will. I sent a long letter to Alvin with Mr. Eliott. The 22 Iowa Reg. Is on the way here. Levi Weaver is in it. I will see him. I heard today he was not far off. Give my best wishes to all my friends – and as many of my letters as you please – I may write to some of them by & by.

Now I must soon close. O how I wish I could take a peek into your "quarters" and take a look at you to night in your quiet prairie Home. And then would be that little bird of a Florrie - o how I would kiss her & make her [fat round.] Only take care of her. I wrote her a letter in my last. Will send her a little book this time - and Sister Eberhart, you may take and read it. It is one of my soldiers tracts. In your next tell me how you are fixed, when our things are, and how you got moved out. Now in [--] has begotten a similar feeling in me. Tell me about all the folks out there, and in Marion – Anamosa – &c – Where are Wiley's this year? Who is on Hanover? &c. I pity poor Carrie. Are they on the old farm? Now I will say good-night. Write at least once a week & as often between times as you please, [--] can - Your letters [--] more interesting to me. Your most affectionate and devoted Husband

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# (Sat. p.m. 4) Big Spring Arkansas Oct 18, 1862

## My Dear Wife

I hasten to drop you a line. Since I wrote at Cassville we marched, in 2 days about 30 miles. Are now at the head of "Cross Hollows" Pitched our tents at 2 p.m., and just now received orders to march. A good part of our troops have gone down and are fighting now. The rest are starting as fast as possible. We are to go tonight, and have our waggons. It will be another Sunday fight - if the Rebels don't Skedaddle. I think they will. We have about 25,000 men. Are all ready – and the boys seem anxious to get at them. We did not get into camp last night 10 - and it was 12 before I got to bed and this morning up again at 4 – got no supper last night – so it goes - The Weather is pleasant, and roads good. My health is good. I must close - we are just starting so fare-well. Your affectionate Husband U. Eberhart

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Some think me are any going book to get a new and fit, and then will go through the Indian Fritay, to Depas, But this is not very likely I Think it is Ment little this. We have driven and all the armies of the reliels from this part of the carly, and the may things are in the East, it is not deened advisable to go parthe sunth with an arry - and in this hast of the State their is not Arboistence enough for it, so me are yoing back to som floce when the government can som ply us - I think to Apringfield - Should This we so - I will either come home on mill send for you to spend the mintos with me. How would you - like that I kan mould you like to came down along I cald meet you at Rolla - To that place you culd com for ears the whole may. Man might think of This a little. I know not got what is best to an or what I will do - A few days may develop things that will altogether charge the program. I got a letter from John This making - Study he had but your 10 of ast will bud you to f mare. If you have the means, your might get, and prepar your clothing a little in min of This mottes - I mile write ugain just as seon is you know mare about this notter for I can be permitted to w have a month or two this wenter, it would best be best hor you to sting mutil

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Camp near "Pea Ridge" Nov 2/62 (Sunday night) My Dearly Beloved Wife:

After marching all day, on this beautiful Sabbath, I will talk awhile with you. My last, I believe, was written last Tuesday at Fayetteville. I would have written sooner but had expected to start home tomorrow. Last Friday the Pay Master was to have been with us, and they had made arrang ments to sent me home with the money. I had already made arrangements to have my Pony taken care of - But lo! instead of the Pay Master – it was the Quarter Master with money for our General to buy bread & forage with. So all my bright visions of seeing my family & friends disappeared. And now I can not tell anything about it. He may come in a week, and may not come for a month or two But when he does come, they intend to send me home with the money. The next day after my last to you at Fayetteville, we got orders to march - and march we did - but in stead of going Southward, as we all expected we came north to Osage Springs and from there to this place today. What is up we know not - but it is generally believed that we are going back to Springfield Mo. to go into winter quarters.

Some think we are only going back to get a new out-fit, and then will go through the Indian Territory to Texas, But this is not very likely I think it is about like this. W have driven out all the armies of the rebels from this part of the country, and the very things are in the East, it is not deemed advisable to go farther south with our army – and in this part of the State there is not subsistence enough for it, so we are going back to some place where the government can supply us - I think to Springfield - should this be so I will either come home, or will send for you to spend the winter with me. How would you like that? How would you like to come down alone? I could meet you at Rolla Is that place you could come by cars the whole way. You might think of this a little. I know not yet what is best to do - or what I will do - A few days may develop things that will altogether change the program. I got a letter from John this morning stating he had sent you 10 \$ and would send you 10 \$ more. If you have the means, you might get and prepare your clothing a little in view of this matter. I will write again just as soon as I know more about his matter. If I can be permitted to go home a month or two this winter, it would perhaps be best for you to stay until next spring.

My health is still first rate. Nearly every body else is failing - even Col. Dye has had the diarrhea for a month past and looks bad, but I escape I try to be thankful. This morning we did not have quite 400 men fit for duty - we hauled some on the ambulances that we looked to see die by the way. Yesterday I said the funeral service of one that on the day previous fell dead in a moment, without speaking a word - it was perhaps apoplexy. O! Our funerals are so solemn & nice, All came out in there Uniform with solemn music - march round the grave - fire 3 times, 16 guns over the grave - after I Your letter written have said my part. at home, and the one written at Mt. Vernon, both came at the same time with your photograph, and [--] "Book Mark I was indeed much gratified to receive so much at once. I scarcely know which of the pictures I like the best. They are both very good & natural to me. I rather think the last one gives your countenance & expression the best - but the other is the most finished and smooth picture. I pasted the last below the other, so that I can see both at the same time. I generally look at them, & the childrens, every evening, then read my chapter & say my prayers and go to bed at 9 - unless we march - I'm lucky enough to find another wollen blanket the other day so I now sleep quite warm - Still sleep ing alone don't go right. This morning I got awake

at 4 - when they sounded the reveille - then fell asleep again & dreamed that you lay snugly in my arms, and felt so sure that it was so, that after I awoke, I thought I could feel the pressure in my arms yet. But lo! it was a dream and I was alone - and soon called to breakfast. I wrote you about a negro in my last - Well I have not got him yet. He was to meet us at the appointed place but could not get off at the train, and when he did get off he could not find our Reg. Had forgotten the name so e went to the artillery and hired with them. But I think he will come to us after a little – he is in the same Brigade – He is said to be a splendid fellow I have just now taken a bit of candy which is the first I bought since I am in the army - Ain't that strange! I had a little hourseness in my throat yesterday so I bought 5 cents worth. Yesterday I "darned" my socks for the first time. It goes rather awkward this morning I put on an undershirt you did up for me, also a fine shirt - I have another one that you ironed for me - did not know it - thought I had only 5 shirts along I wear a cotton flannel shirt next to the skin then a woollen one, and then my white one on top - so you see John writes that Mr. Cook I am warm enough. only made a Quit-Claim deed to John - this is not right - I certainly think the article calls for a Warranty deed. This he is bound to make unless Fulton & Manook are satisfied with the other I will write to John they also might write him what they want. I truly sympathise with you, and all the rest in the troubles that have come upon you on account of John. But hope he will recover. You can do as you think best about going to Keokuk to see him but way the matter well. I wrote to Emma Rev Ishell - and Miss Eliza - yesterday - she had written me a very nice letter indeed - My Pony's color is a very dark bay - with black mane & tail. She has got no supper tonight – and I tell you she is cutting up some high tantrums – jumping & squealing – she is very wise - is getting quite stick & fat. I tend to her first rate. I need no whip or spur - this morning I could scarcely hold her - Gen. Dye said, I fed her too much. I said that is the result of tending to your own horse. But again my sheet is full - so must close & return. God night your Husband.

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Mon. 3'o a.m. Another man died last night – will be buried now. some more will die soon.

Dabbath, 3, 0, clock P.m. Wow 16- 1862 Comp, on the Hindley River-20 monenth-cast of Mingfield M.D. Minnes, discussing Theological Topics. It rained all last night and to day , so me could how no me A has now stocked a little whis is the 3 time that it Name divice I am in this can'ty but it generally rains about 3 days - I in good earnest at that. Do I spent The day principally in hunting passages of Scribiture, to settle Theological questions reperred to me. Fas Some time post I have got on offices to reading the trible. and discussing Souble Angects. So as soon as they can't aque, they pend for me to decide for them. The cause of Modes not bing permitted to parter the land of Cannon - Do day I decided it - To-day - the bal and the Major deffered don't white was Mades forthin, Chid now the Coal - Dye - gone me to Reconcile two possages in Rolan. and Hings; rela-Thur to the age of thing Amaziah. A Ot looks nice to du gen Dye with his Bible in hand, but ing hard questions for his officers - thus slyly leading "Hen Jum vice - to the ways of vertice & Christing. And I tell you he is able in the Scripting -

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Sabbath, 3 o'clock P.M. Nov 16, 1862 Camp on the Findley River, 20 m. north-east of Springfield, Mo.

### My Own Dearest Wife-

I have just returned from Capt. Dyes Tent where I have been since Dinner, discussing Theological topics. It rained all last night and today, so we could have no [--] It has now slaked a little. This is the 3rd time that it rained since I am in this country; but it generally rains about 3 days - & in good earnest at that. So I spent the day principally in hunting passages of Scripture, to settle Theological questions referred to me. For some time past I have got our Officers to reading the Bible and discussing Bible subjects. So as soon as they can't agree, they send for me to decide for them. Yesterday, Maj. Thompson & Aide Lake differed about the cause of Moses not being permitted to enter the land of Canaan. Today I decided it - to-day the Col. and the Major differed about who was Moses' father. And now the Col. Dye gave me to reconcile two passages in Chron. And Kings; relative to the age of King Amaziah. It looks nice to see Gen. Dye with his Bible in hand, hunting hard questions for his officers - thus slyly leading them from vice - to the ways of virtue & Christianity. And I tell you he is able in the Scriptures -

I am glad to know that I have brought an influence to bear upon them - the officers - that I hope will result in much grain - And it makes it very pleasant for me. It is very encouraging to know that my feeble efforts to do good are more or less blessed even amidst the General wickedness. Whilst some are growing worse others are seeking the Lord. Only the other day a man the name of Kerr – from Cedar Rapids came to me, and said the Lord had pardoned his sins, and accepted him. He had never belonged to church but on hearing my sermons, he was induced to join our church as a seeker - now he is happy - other I still find that I am cases I could give you. doing a good work and am at My place. My health is still first rate. Can eat with great satisfaction. Had a chicken soup for dinner. We get along very pleasantly in our mess. It costs me about 2 dollars per week as we live pretty high since we have come int o a country where we can buy what we want. On last Thursday after writing to you at Springfield, we went home. On the way got plenty of cider & apples and bought 3 chickens. On Friday we commenced making preparations to hold the Sacrament on today - when very unexpectedly the order came to march. Were ready at 10 - but did not get off until 3 pm - Then in stead of going southward as we expected - we went northeast - after traveling 8 mi. we camped

Yesterday after traveling 5 we camped here - have a nice camp everything plenty. Where we are going or what it means we know not. But think we are to go to near Rolla, and then be payed off and supplied with clothing, and then get round to Arkansas. Some think we may go to Rolla, or St. Louis into winter quarters. But from what I have been writing you for several weeks past you see how very uncertain war matters are. I asked Col. Dye last night if he knew whether we would stay here tomorrow, so as to have meeting he said no. No one knows that, but God alone - 20 reports may come in by that time to change the "programm." Before leaving Ozark, we sent our sick - 80 in num ber to the Hospital in Springfield - Dr. Ristine himself had to stay behind. He has the fever -Ohow thankful I am that my health is so good for it is a poor place to be sick. If I should get sick, I would go to some private house imme I got your letter written when you wrote diately. for your bro John's things, several days ago - I also got a paper from Alton stating that you & Sadie had been to Mt. Vernon. Now my dear, I hope you will not suffer your present troubles about your bro. overcome you. The easier we take such things the better it is for us - for we can't change them. And especially don't trouble yourself about my future

testing. The Good Lord will take care of me. I feel that I am in his hands - and am re signed to his will. I also have an assurance that he will spare my life to get back home again and for years to come. I don't believe my work is yet done & my cause finished! I see more than ever the awful, depravity of man and feel more than ever the necessity of doing all I can to save some. I still believe this wicked rebellion must be put down and will be put down though it may last for years yet - and cost many precious lifes - many dear brothers and husbands, and sons - yet it must be put down - Truth & right must prevail - or there is no just and merciful God. I may yet come home. They are still urging me to go - and if the army should stay in this vicinity or go to St. Louis into winter quarters I think I'll come. But I don't want to go if they go down to Arkansas It would not be safe - I think we will surely stay in this vicinity a few weeks until fitted out, or payed off - If I cant come home I intend sending about 150 dollars to bro John by express and will either send you sopme his letter, or authorize him to send you what you need I am afraid I will not get back to Springfield to have that picture taken for this I am sorry It is hard to get away from the army. [Many] wanted to go the day I did but the Col. would not let them. Some went on their own authority, and were put under arrest. I am rather a favored character, but don't like to ask too much - I had intended to buy thread and other little matters when I returned. Wish you would find me a skein of good strong silk in a letter - I can't get it here - much is [--] to the soldier in that way - I will draw a pair of pants - a wollen shirt, and a pair of drawers, and that is all I need - I drawed a horse blanket and found a good heavy wollen blanket - so I sleep warm -But I must stop - Love to all - Show my letters to the resto and it will save in writing. They must make allowance for our little love affairs From your most affectionate Husband U. Eberhart.

Inday evening fond a bit of the magniturest you, It is still raining, but I am com partible. On texts don't leak a bit no differen bom han it Noins. I how a good fire in front of my text, and porce a flace inside, where I but some of the cases which Methe my text as man as I mich it. It not, very cald not cald enough to furge ico - Thanga not very cold not cold enough to proje ico - a hage me house how some metty call night Persons to. I am glad that Here is so much compart to you but an sorry that I connot any my bes smart & enter pette An apain the work know me when I came home, you not "epowerg all & ngly as you seem to an opting pleshed in files. I work allow the old pinke an filles at. I had there "is no place left to this." I how not thissed any body since I hissed you. To ineed no place of here of my heard grand class to my month. In gness you must calender on doing without thissing. Mom We have obast ball leges beaude did not com there it is as long as ever this health is better. Oney bady likes him on the work bar beauto to be the him the bays. But noteally littles Gen. Jotton, We is very hard on the bays. Awends it then I and Michs I cuthe them is they doit stry. He is such the balls of the time wet in they doit stry. will will him the first bottle we wet in return of must close up my letter, and get ready to return, as "Dattoe" has just sounded. So good might my Dear Man must mothe yourself tophy & cheating Joint must trache you, on you would weigh more than the Just while you were you would very healthing & to built you mere getting very healthing & White soon - if & Mair write all you wish to know -just with the questions, and I mile unsure them firm your constantly loving Husband Minish

Sunday evening - I found a bit of paper with one white side, so I will put something on it, that may interest you. It is still raining, but I am comfortable. Our tents don't leak a bit, no different from it rains. I have a good fire in front of my tent; and have a place inside, where I put some of the coals which keeps my tent as warm as I wish it. It's not very cold - not cold enough to freeze ice - Though we have had some pretty cold nights. There are still plenty of grapes - black [--] Persimmons. I am glad that Florrie is so much comfort to you but am sorry that I cannot enjoy her smart & cute prattle. Am afraid she won't know me when I come home. I am not "growing old" & ugly as you seem to fear I look, as fresh & blooming as a rose and am getting fleshy in face. Nearly all the old rinkles are filled up and there "is no place left to kiss" - I have not kissed any body since I kissed you. So I need no place the hair of my beard grows close to my mouth. So I guess you must calculate on doing without kissing. Your dream about Col. Dye's beard did not come true - it is as long as ever - His health is better. Every body likes him But nobody likes Gen. Totten. He is very hard on the boys. Swears at them, and kicks & Cuffs them if they don't obey. He is drunk the half of the time. They swear they will kill him the first battle we get in. Now I must close up my letter, and get ready to retire, as "tattoo" has just sounded. So good night my Dear you must make yourself happy & cheerful - something must trouble you, or you would weigh more than me. I supposed you were getting very healthy & robust. Guess your scales were not right Write soon - if I don't write all you wish to know just ask the questions and I will answer them from your constantly loving Husband

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Requisition for stationary for U. Eberhart Chaplain 20<sup>th</sup> Reg. Iowa Infantry, at Camp near Springfield MO. Commencing August 25<sup>th</sup> 1862 and ending Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1862.

2/3 lett paper

4 1/2 envelopes

4 1/2 steel pens

1 lead pencil

2/9 pieces of tape ink

I confirm that the above requisition is correct that I have not drawn stationary for any part of the time specified Received at Camp near Springfield MO. 28 days of September 1862 from Lieut J. H. Rice, Assistant Quarter Master. [--] 41/2 envelopes, 4 1/2 steel pens 1 lead pencil 2/9 pieces of tape & ink. U. Eberhart, Chaplain

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In camp 26 miles south of Springfield MO Nov 18/62 <u>My Dear Wife</u> – It is night and rains hard – and has raind here since last Sat. night and we have march ed 45 miles since I wrote the other part of my letter. On Monday before day light we got marching orders, so I did not get my letter mailed, and now been carrying it right away from you. May get it off tomor row. This is a very un-expected move. Gen. Blunt had a battle with the rebels, and was driven back – he was outnumbered 5 to 4 so we have to go and re-inforce him. Are now now a days march from Cassville which is 10 miles from Ark. are going on to morrow. Traveled 45 miles since Monday morning, and it raind all the time. Last night I did not have my tent, as the teams could not get up. I laid down by a wheat stack put some rails on the fence and some wheat on them and slept firmly. Tonight I am in my tent - Capt. Barney & his Lieut. are with me. I keep very dry with my over coat cloak & oil cloth - am well & happy - just now got your letter of 20th glad to hear from This move may change the pro you. gramm of the war - Think we will now have to stay in this country I may not come home. [--] not what is before me. But must close. I don't want you to teach that school if it is in the least hard on you, or if you had rather not I can send you all the money you need when I get some. Direct your next to Springfield as before AS ever your affectionate Husband U. Eberhart

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> It rained all the night today our teams have not come up yet & we can't go so we are lying here waiting. Will send this letter this p.m.

(Upside down on page 1) Nov 19 3 p.m. - It has ceased raining – think we will start tomorrow. This will go this p.m. But may not reach you for a long time.

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(Page 1, right side of page) Dec. 8 – 62 8 o'clock pm in the Hospital on the battlefield 10 miles south of Fayetteville Ark.

My Dear Wife,

We have just had a great battle, and I will write a few words to let you know that I am yet alive and in good health but very tired - Have not slept any for 3 nights and eaten but a little until to night. We got to this place yesterday at 2 pm after having marched about 90 miles in 3 days, and when we got here Gen. Blunt had been fighting the rebels from early in the morning, and had retreated 3 miles, as they had some 24,000 and he but a few but when we got up we drove them

(Page 2, left side) back 4 miles, and then they took a stank, on a favorable hill, and a regular pitched battle was fought that [--] until dark – we have about 12 or 15,000. We know not yet how many were killed wounded but it was the hardest battle of the west. In one Division there were about 400 wounded, and 100 killed - I think - altogether killed-wounded and mis sing - some 1500 and fully as many on their side. They fought like devils - and so did our men. I witnessed the whole scene and was on the field until 10 o'clock last night getting away the wounded and once when several Regiments run I went and brought

(Page 2, right side) them back again by pleading with them by all that's good & bad - some times we gained and sometimes they did. When night came on both parties re mained on the ground but the rebels retreated during the night so that this morning the victory was ours - though dearly bought. During the night and this A.M. I worked all the time with the wounded And O Such a scene I never wish to pass through this P.M. I visited the battle field OH! Horrible sight - the dead were lying all round tomorrow we will bury them We have sent our wounded nearly all to Fayetteville Major Thompson is wounded Lieut Bean - also Lieut Caven dish - and many others.

(Page 1, left side) In a few days I will be able to send a correct list of the dead & wounded. Our Reg. Got the [--] of fighting the best. I think we only lost some 40 or 50 killed & wounded. But then were 100 in our hospital But I must close - you will soon see an account - I will write soon. I am doing great work - God be praised that he spared my life - Bullet & shells flew thick all around me. But God spared my life - I know not what we will do now – Some think we will have another battle tomorrow - Be of great cheer - I am doing my duty & the Lord will take car of me How I wish you could be here and help me. I will direct this to Alvin, & he to you - as I have no time to write more.

Your Husband, Alvin sent this to ma [--] [--] write to you & I will

(Page 2, left side, upside down) Direct as before.

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Tuesday morning I got a little sleep last night. Feel better refreshed our men slept on the battle field - without their tents or blankets - The teams came during the night. We some expected an attack, but I think the feel complete ly whipt – The more we learn about it, the greater the victory appears to be. We heard the rebels burned their town and left But we know not. Old Hind man is a shrewd old Gen They may yet make a rally, but I am inclined to think this was the last and decisive battle of the West. It is said, it exceeded the battles of Wilson Creek and Pea Ridge.

We still had 25 wounded in our Hospital - they will be sent to Fayetteville I will also go there, if we don't have another battle. The paymaster is with us, but has not payed any. I know not ho wit will be now about coming home. I rather think we will go through Ark. to Little Rock But I must close and go to work among the poor boys. I cant begin to describe the scenes that are going on around me - Will tell you when I get home. This letter must do until I get more time for all of

you.

Kiss Florrie, Love to all, your affectionate Husband & Father U. Eberhart

(detter 28) Provice Grove Bottlefield 10 miles south My Dearly Beloved Waper. Aris alread & at night , and I how make to do get, but il must write you a ferre lives yet. I write you lost Monday After the parties bert from you did not get as soon as This , as then were no regular mails. I got yours of 28 mill, withen at Mr. yearshaves your as I have seated myself to write to you - also on from Walana, s. Heard at the same tim from all my panely, This was very sotispactity induced . And it the some time The WWW characet for the first time in 60rd with I also got a tilicago poper. An Markful that n pringly an all so compartable, and daing so make I am still in good health, but pretty will wouthed darwn. It Whing the flish of me too. I on phose you how ere this san the news of an great. leattle, that will now they and give you all the facts in the coac to for as Alnow. We have not yet the official Report But I can come as men it as any one as I have been with the generals, are also the Medical Invegar, or chief ourgeon of this chiving, an Certar, of Meren co Pa, I mile describe the whole Deem. While at canh Lyon, we got a his hat do, that the Shirti who was in this vicinty, had been attacked by gen Hidring and how to retread on account of the superior parce. So off me started, on the double quic

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the 19 Down & no mise num lith Denne Sheep- By this Tim I had the riding all roud with my Pay lasting after the revender, but when I them Thing, I have lith lighting a head of them, and such a night I never Dow 12 a 15 av - men, and many horses & vorgons man off is fast as Thy culd, they were in a great perspitation in The dust & Monder had blochened Their faces, and many wee all bloody- som have their faces party shot dway-othins a age eye hanging out, as somethis part of the face May have arms, and legs brother and were dropping themselve along - and all looked ghastly & mild - It then looked as though all was lost, and me would all be to. and all am teoris for the road was full far tong me The 20 Fund a 37- 94. by this time had charged again and I supposed they would all be take prisoner fort. Abels hushed at of the words like projers in unders and yelle lith forther - they must have have at that flace 10 men to an 1 - I thought & look a few minutes 1 and did not know what to do some time Thought I would him too. And all it once the strongest pelicy came ones me & over realized, and off I rolle a dougth plecky creed, and of the highest pitch of my water. Alcod with them to stole, and to back again, I plead with them in the name of you for the orche of litrents, and suffering humanty to Stoh - I blead in The officers- who wer going as hard as the dest- of the April time down ing their men far not storingand ofter pollering the one half miles I got the stoppe

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## (Letter 28)

Prairie Grove Battlefield – 10 miles south of Fayettesville, Ark – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1862

My Dearly Beloved Wife - It is already 8 at night and I have much to do yet, but I must write you a few lines yet. I wrote you last Monday after the battle, but fear you did not get as soon as this, as there were no regular mails. I got yours of 28th inst. written at Mr. Yearshaws just as I had seated myself to write to you - also one from Naomi, so heard at the same time from all my family. This was very satisfactory indeed. And at the same time the WW Advocate for the first time in 6 or 7 weeks. I also got a Chicago paper. Am thankful that my family are all so comfortable, and doing so well. I am still in good health, but pretty well worked down. It is taking the flesh off of me too. I suppose you have ere this seen the news of our great battle. But I will now try and give you all the facts in the case so far as known. We have not yet the official report but I can come as near it as any one as I have been with the Generals, and also the Medical Purveyor, or Chief Surgeon of this Division. Dr. Porter, of Mercer Co, Pa. I will describe the whole scene. While at camp Lyon, we got a dispatch, that Gen. Blont who was in this vicinity, had been attacked by Gen. Hindman, and had to retreat on account of superior force, so off we started, on the double quick.

and traveled almost day & night, without tents or anything to eat, but what we carried in our haversacks - started on Thursday morning, & by sunday morning traveled 90 miles. The one half gave out by the way When 10 miles off we heard the canon. Major Hubbard of the 1st Ark Reg - who was 10 miles ahead - had been attacked, at sunrise, and his teams taken, and his men had to retreat. They fell back 3 miles, and Gen Hirram's Division came up- then the rebels began to fall back - they retreated 4 miles, and then formed in a line of battle, on a high ridge in the grove – an the other side was a prairie. By 2 o'clock our Division came up - Gen Blunt was still 10 or 15 miles further west in 60 minutes after arriving we formed in line of battle, [--] make a most furious charge - principally with artil ary – We had some 50 canon, and so had the enemy from these they sent bomb shells - and balls weighting 10 lbs - one every minute until the very earth rang & trembled. I at once took my position in the rear of the artilary a few rods on an elevated position, [--] Col. Dye, and Gen Henor, when I could see the whole ground & terrific scene [--] Infantry went out on the double quick and drove the rebels back. Then the rebels made a dash on our right wing, & our men had to fall back - a little, then they tried to block us on our left wing and soon 5000 made a desperate charge, and fought like devils and drove back our men in a hurry - so that 2 or 3 Regthe 19th Iowa & 20th Wis. ran like scared sheep. By this time I had been riding all round with my Pony looking after the wounded but when [--] runing, I rode like lighting ahead of them and such a sight I never saw. 12 or 1500 men, and many horses & wagons, making off as fast as they could. They were in a great perspiration in the dust & powder had blackened their faces, and many were all bloody - some had their faces partly shot away - others of an eye hanging out, or some other part of the face. Many had arms, and legs broken and were dragging themselves along - and all looked ghastly & wild - It then looked as though all was lost, ans we would all be taken and all our teams for the road was full for 4 or 5 miles The 20 Iowa & 37 Ill by this time had charged again and I supposed they would all be taken prisoners, for the rebels rushed out of the woods like pigeons in numbers and yelled like panthers - they must have had at that place 10 men to our 1 - I thought & looked a few minutes and did not know what to do - sometimes thought I would run too, but all at once the strongest feeling came over me I ever realized, and off I rode along the fleeing rank, and at the highest pitch of my voice, plead with them to stop, and go back again. I Plead with them in the name of God, for the sake of liberty and suffering humanity, to stop - I plead unto the officers - who were going as hard as the rest - at the same time damning their men for not staying and after following them one half miles I got them stopped

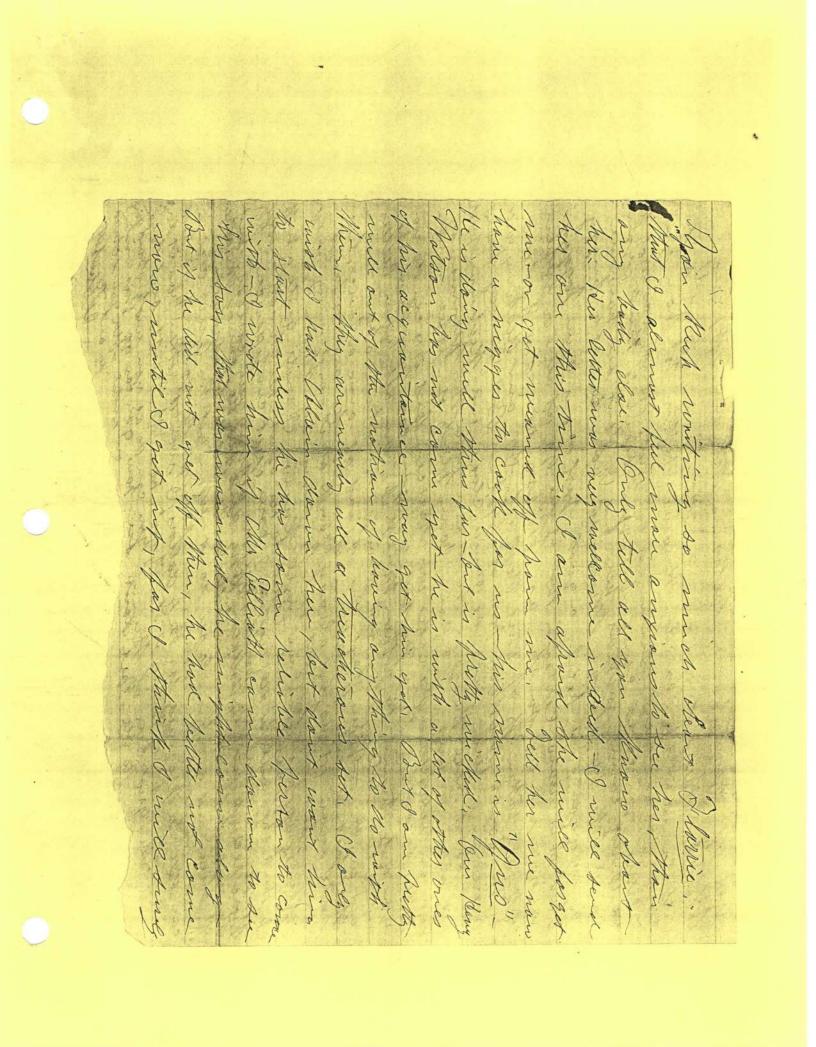
and the officers formed them into companies and went back again. And just at this time Gen. Blont came up with [--] charge on them on the right and then the poor fellows had to take it - We drove them slowly before us until dark and had to stop or it would have been one of the greatest victories of the war, but this gave them time to get off, so that by [--] they were gone [--] men who had not for 3 nights and eaten little were too tired to follow. They slept on their arms [--] just dropped down and paid no more attention to the rebels or anything else. They claim that they had from 24 to 30,000 of an army, so far as I know we have from 16 to 20,000 after they all get in. This is already the 4<sup>th</sup> day, and this [--] by hundreds their wounded who could not get away number from 5 or 6 hundred, I was out in their Hospital to day - it is in a church out on the ground [--] beggars description. You can see legs & arms and other parts of the body lying round and [--] with an arm or one leg entirely shot off. They are almost starved to death - and nave no blankets or tents - lie out under the open heavens [--] [--] all other things in proportion today to keep them from starving. They are a poor [--] set. But many are getting their eyes open about [--] deserted them. Are going home soon [--]. They acknowledge this whole loss in killed & wounded to be 2000. ours will not vary much from a 1000, but of this no. only about 200 are killed, and not many fatally wounded we have sent our wounded to Fayetteville - tomorrow I am going out to see to them, may stay a day or so. O I must not forget to tell you that I was mighty complimented by the officers for my bravery, and what I done that day. [--] called me to his tent, and returned his warmest thanks so look out I will soon come out with General They say I did more for the wounded than all the Drs and Stewards, But I must close. Have not got our pay yet, This said, the Pay master is here Will send you some money when I get it. O will scarcely yet have this writen I think we will go right on [--] River I bought me a pair of rubber over pants a silk neck hanky and paper too - stamps are scarce. This is a fine country The weather mild & plesent. The ground freezes a little at night, but during the day is is warm. My negro has not yet come yesterday [--] yet [--] I am about out of the notion of negroes Husband - U. Eberhart [--]

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Letter No. 30 Prairie Grove Battlefield Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

## My Dear Good Wife:

It is Sat. night - 8 o clock and I will commence a letter to - to finish some other time. My last to you was written last Monday night at Fayettesville. The reason I did not write sooner, was i all the time anxiously looked for one from you [--] last was received nearly 2 weeks ago just after the battle, so you may judge how anxious I am to hear from you - and on top of all this, I have been a little sick this week. Just enough t o make me a little peevish and lonely. If you had been here and "fumbled" around me a little, and permitted the sunshine of your cheerful countenance to fall on me, or if I could only have read a letter from your pen, I resume it would have cured me at once. But for this you are not to blame. I have no doubt you have written, but we had no mails here since the battle. I know not how, or why it was so - it is believed the officers did it intention ally so as to prevent the wounded and others writing to their friends. But an hour ago a very large mail arrived, it is not yet distributed. I expect lots of news -

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we are still getting along very pleasantly in our Mess – had a chicken for dinner -We can have everything we want in this county – and we live well in our Mess. [along bottom margin] Our darky cooks for us – I keep the books at f--] - It costs me about 3 dollars per week – for board [right margin illegible]

But while I am waiting on it, I will continu ue to write. My sickness was partly over much labor and excitement during the battle, and since in the Hospital, and partly a bad cold – which affected by throat. It was some like dyptheria. My throat is still pretty soar[sic], so that it will be difficult for me to preach tomorrow. My cold also brought on me one of my old "chilly spells" of the "week." But I took a little medicine, and drank sage tea, and dieted myself so that I now feel pretty well all but my throat, and that I think will be all right in a day or two. A great many have the sore throat otherwise we have better health in our Reg. At present, than at any previous time. The wounded also are doing unusually well. Only one has thus far died, and one had his arm taken off in our Reg. Major Thompson, and Lieut Cavindish are doing as well as could be expected, Both will recover, I think. For this I am glad, for they were my two best friends - the most congenial & reliable. Capt. Barney, and I are going up to see them next I will now give you a few do-Monday. mestic items. During the week I have been patching and fixing up a little, and among other things, I ripped up my old black pants - saved the good pieces to patch my new ones when they need it - and took the [lining?] which was good yet, and lined my new one with it - I mean those I bought at St. Louis. I have not yet worn them much – now don't you

think I am getting pretty smart. I also darned my old socks. I have not yet worn the new pair you gave me along - They are too small, in the leg for me. If I don't get others before I need them, I intend to cut them open and darn a piece into them. Thus far I have worn white shirts all the time, but think I will quit for awhile, as scarcely any one wears them in the army and it costs so much getting them washed, and then only half done. I have to pay 10 cents a piece. I bought me a nice large black silk handkerchief, which I wear around my neck. I got a woman in the Reg to hem it – she did not charge me nothing – she is from Cedar Rapids and belongs to Capt Bucks Co. I have a nice and comfortable bed. In addition to the bedding I brought along, I have a good and heavy soldiers blanket - both of which I found, one on the day of the battle, and the other some time ago on the road. I also bound a pair of good buckskin gloves. A great many things are found, because some people are so careless that they loose[sic] nearly everything they have. I have not had any of my bedding washed but my pillow cases. And you can scarcely see that they have been used. I first throw down some straw, then my oil cloth, then my bedding carefully. Next morning I fold them up nicely and put them into my oil cloth sock. This I keep then all clean whilst others have theirs all dirty. I also, as at home, wash myself all over once a week and keep my clothes clean and nice. Just as much so, as if I were at home. Now aint I good –

Now just bear with me till I say a few words about my poney[sic] and I'll quit. Well it was as good as it could be when I wrote to you before, but it is getting better all the time. It is almost as [--] as a human. I can't ride out to water it, but every body is praising it – and wanting to buy it – O the way it will prance, and step it off - I could get 100.00 any day - but I won't take it. I am bound to take this one home if I have luck with it. The weather is more splendid - just like summer - not even frost at night and beautiful sunshine during the day. I have only had fire in my tent a few times, in 2 weeks. O I pity you poor fellows in Iowa on the prairie with your snowstorms. Well that PayMaster has not made his appearance, and it is now un derstood that he will not come now until after the 2 payments are due - which is on Christmas - Then there will be owe me 472 \$. I know not yet what I will do with it. I may yet get the chance to bring it home It is now understood that we are in winter quarters and a number are to go back to recruit for the Reg. So I may not get a chance to go in some way. But after this mail comes in I may know more, so I will stay for the present, and go and see about it. Sunday, 1 o'clock - the 21st 62 -That mail did not get distributed until nearly 11 o'clock today - it was so large - and then it knocked our meeting all to nothing. Everybody got lots of letters, and has to read them - church or no church - So the few of us that met put off our meeting until to-night. This suited me pretty well, for my throat is still a little sore, though much better and I too, got 4 letters & 6 papers - Two of them from yourself, 1 from A--] and one about a sick soldier. But I got no WWC Advocate I am very anxious to get them. Your letters are dated Dec 3d & 7th. This contained one a skein of silk, the other a skein of thread. Many thanks - But I now have enough for the present. I bought a lot of thread at Fayettesville. And socks I can get from the Citizens as this is a sheep county. They are not very good but only cost from 31 to 50 cents. And I can now get along with what I have, until I can wear cotton again. Your letters much revived my drooping spirits. Your teaching school much surprised me Well all right for you will be doing something I see I can't keep you as a lady only take care and don't injure your health.

You keep writing so much about Florrie that I almost feel more anxious to see her than any body else. Only tell all you know about her. Her letter was very welcome indeed - I will send her one this time. I am afraid she will forget me or get married off from me. Tell her we now have a nigger to cook for us - his name is "Gus" He is doing well thus far - but is pretty wicked. Our Henry Watson has not come yet - he is with a lot of other ones of his acquaintance - may get him yet. But I am pretty well out of the notion of having anything to do with them - they are nearly all a treacherous set. I only wish I had Abram down here, but don't want him to start unless he has some reliable person to come with - I wrote him if Mr. Elliott came down to see his son, that was wounded, he might come along But if he did not get off then, he had better not come now, until I get up, for I think I will surely

get off sometime between this and spring. Would rather not go now until Spring - if it suits all round – I scarcely know whether to have you come down next summer or not. If it was not for Florrie, you could come - but you seem to think you could not come without her. And I don't see how we could take her along - We wold have to get a buggy or waggon and haul a good part of our own baggage And it is now certain that if we go at all - or when we go - we go south - as Missouri and Eastern Ark. Are taken off of this district - So our destiny will be the Southwestern part of Ark. But I may know more in a few days - so I will close and keep you posted about these things. We again have the promise of regular mails - I now have plenty of paper - ink and envelopes - stamps are scarce but if I can do no better I can get them [--] and you can pay them when you get them. I rather think I have all your letters up to this date. May not always mention about everyone and everything. When I get one, I read it once or twice, and then put it into the bottom of my trunk - and when I write again I do not always look at it - and may forget some items. I want you to number them all after this and then we will know – I write quite a lengthy letter to Naomi, and talked to her about her church matter. I think she will be all right. I have great confidence in her. I think among hands, they are acting very careless about those receipts, and 4 dollars - Why don't they do one or the other thing. I think yo had better write to Mr. Chamberlain at once - and get him to see to it - either get the quit-claim Deed - or send the money and receipts to you. If the deed can still be procured for the 4 dollars, I would rather have it down and make a sure thing of it - if not, have the receipts sent to you and take great care of them. - You can do as you wish about giving to [--] - but don't see how you can to this winter on until after your school

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## Contraband Camp La. Aug. 4th 1863

My Dear Wife & daughters -

As I have a moments leisure, I will drop you a few lines. This is the third day in my con traband camp, and during that time I have seen more real suffering, wretchedness, and want, than in all my life put together you need not expect a very cheering letter All this misery has been caused by sheer neglect, and down right wickedness - or in military terms "Red Tape." To give an idea of it, I would state that ever since the taking Vicksburg the negroes have been coming in and been brought by boat, and waggon's loads, until every old house, stable and shed, and mill was full of them. A man was appointed to take care of it but he went up the River and was gone 3 weeks and nobody else cared for them. Complaints were made to the different officers, but they likely as not cursed those that brought it, swore they had nothing to do with them. They had nothing to eat & could not get any [--] love or mercy as they military power [--] it all. At last all kinds of diseases break out among them for they were crowded together just as thick as they could be jammed and they commenced dying until, the dead thick full - many of them all a putrid carion. This finally waked up the [----] and they detailed soldiers to move them all out of town - dead or alive - This an awful job, and the soldiers were mad & wicked as hell, and abused them shamefully.

I am sorry that I have almost been compelled to put off writing to you so long and now I may not get this off for a day or two, as the river is between us & the P.O. You will likely not get it for 3 or 4 weeks. Is only one or 2 mails a week. About your coming down this fall I cannot say. If I do get into a better condition, I want have you come (I still am fully determined to come home if possible this fall, but may not get out as soon as I expected. Indeed I will have to resign if I keep running down any more. I may be permitted to go north a few months and collect funds for clothing for the contrabands. This was the arrangement with Capt. Thomas, when I agreed to go into [--] but he got sick and resigned, and Capt. A. [Derson?] in his place. He is a pretty tough fellow and may not permit me to go. But a few more, I think will decide the matter. You need not trouble yourself much getting [--] to come down, for if you come at all, it be late, and we will have time to make the ne cessary arrangements. About Naomi going to school, I know not what to say, but am in clined to think she had better hold on until this matter is decided. If I continue in the work, I suppose she would like to be with us. If I should resign, I will take a cir cuit, and we may be far from Mt. [--] If she however is very anxious to go - Let her But I don't think it will pay for you to go The trouble to go to house keeping - for I want you with me, wherever I am or may be And I now feel, as though I would have to resign before long, and go north to save my health. Levi Weaver is well, and a good "Nigger Boss" or "Massa."

[upside down at top of page] Our camp is right on the great "cutof" or canal, About which you heard so much – It was all a <u>humbug.</u>

and huddled them off by hundreds & thou sands into the waggons, and from there into the boats, and brought them into this place. It is opposite side Vicksburg, on the Louisi anna side of the river on the Point. Just at this time I was detailed to go and take charge of them. You will remember that when they urged me to go into it, they said I could select my own camp, and have as many men to assist me as I wanted. So I selected 9 men from H[---] [--] but unfortunately before I got the detail made this [--] passed from Grants Department, so he had no more power over them and I did not get them so all the help I have thus far, is Levi Well, here they are thrown Weaver. off the boat on to the shore and left to shift for themselves. On hearing all this I hastened over, and on last Sabbath instead of preaching twice in the city, I worked all day hard in the hot sun, and ever since until last night, I gave out, so I am trying to write a little to you. But now comes the worst of all - to add insult to injury through some body's neglect, they have had no rations since here; and some have been here 5 days, so that many of them are actuly starving to death, and others dying from disease, and exposure, so that the dead are lying thick all round. We in all the camp, not 20 well men They are weak from hunger. We have the [--] work you ever hear of to get them [--]. For you must remember that this

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camp is composed of women & children, old and decrepids; and sick ones. The st--] men are all enlisted in the army. Now you have an outside view of our condition But to describe it all, language fails. This once of the lamentation, and begging, and groaning for. They come round me by hundreds & beg and cry just for a mor sel to keep them alive or their children from Fortunately, I brought a box of starving. crackers, and a few other thins along for my own use, which I divide among them by small bits, as far as it goes. Yesterday I sent Levi out 6 miles to another camp, got permission to get some rations, but we have no team, and they have none to bring them [--] so this morning I started all that could, it got some, some will not get up. Wednesday, 5th ---- When I left off writing yesterday, I went to assist Levi to get the dead buried, as he could not succeed. I found dead bodies all over camp. We dug holes and rolled 3 or 4 in, and covered them up - ie. We had it done. I am so run down that I have to hold out a little. But I get on the Pony and ride round and give directions. Today there is so many dead. I thnk we will soon get them for so they will do better. We got some rations, but isn't near enough. Expect more today. We also are to have some tents. I am tired of it, and if things don't go better soon, I am bound to quit. I can't

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BENTON BARRACKS, Sept. 11, 1862. (EDITOR OF GAZETTE: According to promise I will give you a few items of information, relative to the 20th regiment \*

\* \* \* Upon calling the roll on our arrival in St. Louis it was ascertained that two of our men were among the missing. One of them we fear was unfortunate enough to fall overboard into the river, but the other one it is believed got off the boat at one of the stopping places, and skedaddled, for parts unknown.

On Monday morning the regiment marched out through the city to Benton Barracks; and the city papers anounced, that a better looking regiment had never entered into, or out of Benton Barracks. And last night at dress parade, I heard it 'remarked' quite frequently, 'What's fine regiment' 'What fine officers.' So you see, that in making our " appearance' we made a great impression. And I am greatly mistaken if we don't keep this appearance, even in the battle field. And it is very probable that we shall soon have an opportunity to try ourselves, as the regiment is now under marching orders. To morrow morning we are to start for Rolla, Mo., and then where, we know not. But I am inlined to think that we will not have far to go to find rebels. To this place letters may be addressed for the present! "And let me say to those who have relatives and friends in the regiment; write often to them. You can have no idea how welcome these visitors are, and how much good they may do. I would also say send them all the good reading matter you can, it will not only entertain and edify them, but also keep them from idleness, and possibly from vice. The general health of the regiment is good. We have five cases of measles, and a few have diarrhea, but all are doing as well as could be expected. The boys are all in good

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