

October 1, 1861

My Dear Parents

leave
As I now take my pen in hand to write to you it gives me the greatest pleasure to think that we are so soon to have Ripon for better accommodations our regiment is fast filling up we leave here by the tenth we have just received six hundred blankets from the state which will make us quite comfortable for the present. The boys are all well and we are progressing in our drill and in the sword exercises. Co. B receives more praise than ever. Yesterday I went down to the artists and got my picture taken and I now send it to you as a token of that regard for my parents. You must kiss Nelly for me and tell her that I would like to do it myself if I was where I could. I hope that you will write as soon as it is possible. Give my respects to all and if it is convenient, please send me a little change to pay postage with until I can get some from the government.

Yours truly,

U.C. Eddy

Envelope information:

Return address: Camp Fremont, Ripon, WI
Addressed to: Mer Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI
Postmarked: from Ripon, Wis - Oct 2, 1861

Camp Harvey

Nov 26, 1861

From U.C. Eddy, Co B.
1st Reg Wis Cavalry

My Dear Parents

I am glad to say that we have at last arrived in Kenosha. We are well pleased with the prospects. We arrived here last Sunday morning about six o'clock. We are quartered in the Durkel House but expect to go into camp in a day or two. We are rigging our tents for winter quarters. I thought I would let you know where I was so that you would know where to direct your letters. Please let me know when Aunt and Uncle are going back so that I will know when to come home. I expect we will get our uniforms this week. Then I think I shall come home. I have not much time to write as you will see by the writing. Please write as soon as you can and let me know.

Yours truly,

U.C. Eddy

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing

Addressed to: Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI

Postmarked: from Kenosha, WI, Nov 2_, ____

Camp Harvey
Jan 20, 1862
In Haste

Dear Parents

I received Uncle's letter today and was glad to hear from home. I had no sooner read the letter than I was called out to hear the Articles of War read after which the Capt told us all to go to his tent for he wanted to get a descriptive list of every man but I could not tell the County or town in which I was born. Therefore, I have written to you to find out and I wish you would let me know as soon as you receive this. I am glad to hear that mother is getting better. We expect to leave here in about a week. I am getting tough again. We have a regimental drill here every afternoon. It is pretty hard traveling in this deep snow. It is pretty good staying here now suppose it is their wish I was there to enjoy it. Cannot get out of camp at all now unless led by a seargent. We are all anxious to leave the state, I expect Charley Ferry and Joe Wolfenden down here in a few days. Would like to come home again before we leave the state but cannot. I must close for it is time for dress parade. Will write more next time. Give my love to all and keep a share yourself.

U.C. Eddy

(FYI from typist: Charley Ferry will be Urial's brother in law ... he is Sarah Adell (Ferry) Eddy's half-brother.)

Feb 20, 1862

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter and was glad to hear from you. We have been having some very cold weather but for all that we have had some very good times here. We drill every day. In the fore-noon we have a battalion drill, in the afternoon we have a company drill and sword exercise. Today we raised a new flag and raised it on a new pole, also a new regimental banner. We are going to have a grand Military Ball here tomorrow night. It will be the best that we have yet had by all odds. There will be at least two hundred couples there. Our Ge. Me. P. C. Meann is flower manager. The Ball is for the benefit of the band. I do not know whether I shall go or not. Our Col. has not yet returned from Washington yet where he has been some five weeks. I am afraid that we shall have to send a Corporals Guard after him yet. He is sure to go on the Black List. The boys from our place are all well. I am getting tall as a bear and feel as though I could eat one raw. All seems to agree with me very well. Our Regt is full and anxious to leave the state. There was some loud cheering went up from camp when the news of the recent victory went over the wires. I hope that you are all well. Please kiss Nelly for me. I send my love to all.

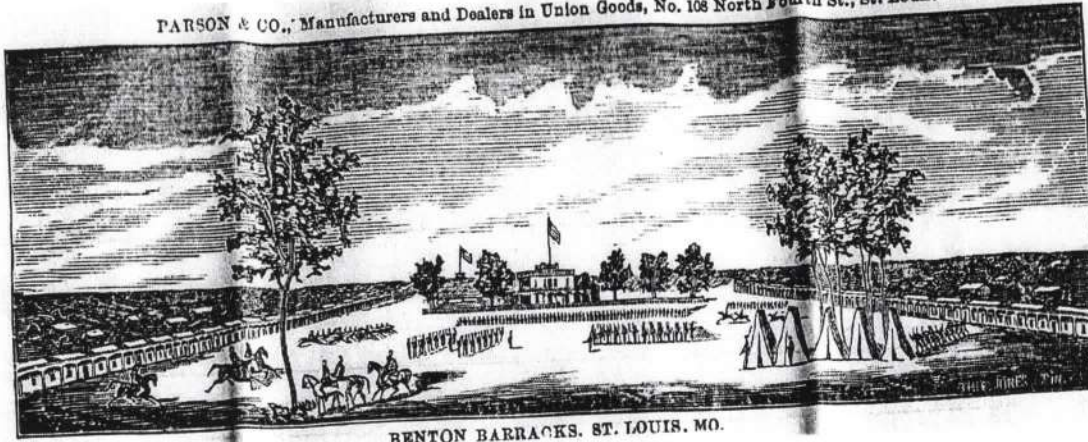
From your son,

U.C. Eddy
Co. A
1st Wis Cavalry
Kenosha, Wis

Envelope information:

Return address: Camp Harvey, Kenosha, WI
Addressed to: Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI
Postmarked: unreadable

PARSON & CO., Manufacturers and Dealers in Union Goods, No. 108 North Fourth St., St. Louis.



BENTON BARRACKS. ST. LOUIS. MO.

Mar 27, 1862

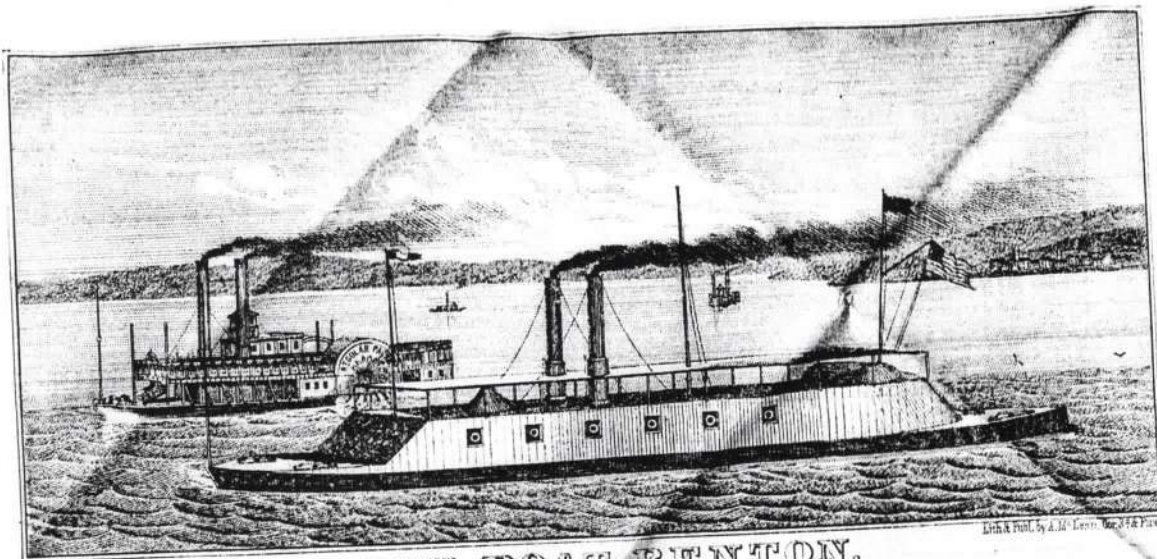
Dear Parents

I received your kind letter a short time after we arrived in St. Louis and was indeed glad to hear from home. I had intended to write to you before we left Kenosha and should have done so if David had not just been home and told all that I could write. We left Kenosha about 11 a.m. of the 17th and arrived in Chicago about 4 p.m. We then formed and marched through some of the principle streets of Chicago. We then went aboard the C. A. & St. Louis Rail Road. We started on our journey about six p.m. We did not pass through any place of much interest until the next day when we passed through Springfield. We arrived at Alton about sundown of the same day. We then went on board the Steamer City of Alton. We had a dress parade before we went on the boat. We saw several rebel officers there. They stood just at the left of our company during dress parade. After parade was over they walked back to the Alton Hotel to feast and fat on Uncle Sam. There was about five hundred prisoners in the jail. We started down the river about 9 in the evening. I laid down on the deck and having been broken of my sleep two nights, I slept the whole of the way and did not wake until the next morning when I was wakened by the rain coming in my face. We had been at the dock about an hour then. I was detailed about two hours later to go down to Benton Barracks to help Quartermaster Mean. I rode down on the horse car and had a good warm breakfast in the bargain. Which was better than the rest had besides they had to walk down here a distance of six miles with the mud ten inches deep. General Halleck saw our regiment when they marched through the city and he said it was the best regiment that had been here. The second cavalry arrived here yesterday, it is a fine regiment. We do not expect to stay here more than two weeks at the outside. We received our pay yesterday, or rather a part of it. David Flowers, John Medberry, E. Heise and myself are going to send home all the money that we can spare by express. It will be sent all together to Eagle. We will not send this week because it would have to be on the road over Sunday. I will send all that I can spare. I shall have to have a new pair of boots and several other little articles that the government does not furnish. It will be all together in open package and will be sent Mer Flowers. Please write soon and often.

From your son,

Urial C. Eddy

(no envelope)



GUN BOAT BENTON.
Built at St. Louis 1861.

Sunday, April 13, 1862

Dear Parents:

This being Sunday and being so muddy that we do not have to drill and thinking perhaps you might not have got my last letter I resolved to write a few lines to you. We have been having some truly muddy drilling here for the last two weeks. I was on guard night before last and it rained all the time. There has been some shooting at the guards in the Northern Guard Division during the last week. While I am writing these few lines, forty horses are passing the window for this regiment. Another Col. is expected tomorrow. There is only four thousand men in Camp Benton now. H. Kendelton of Co. B. was buried last Thursday and he was much lamented by all. This is the first death in the Co. Did you receive that money I sent you to Eagle by express also my trunks. I am well with the exception of a bad cold. I cannot write more on account of dress parade and mulling. Accept with this my love and give my respects to all.

This from your son,

Uriel C. Eddy
Co. B. 1st. Wis. Cav.
St. Louis, MO

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing Postmarked: nothing
Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI

Camp Smith

Sept 18, (year illegible ... assumed to be 1861 .. not 1862)

BELIEVE SHOULD BE 62
UNION FORCES WEREN'T IN NASHVILLE
UNTIL 1862
B. Williams
6-22-17

Dear Mother & Sister

I received your welcome letter of the 8th yesterday and I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines. My health is still good and I am in hopes this will find yours improving. I was very sorry to hear that you was so unwell more so on account of your having so many additional cares. When next you write please let me know just how you get along. I wish to know if you have enough of everything to last you through the winter or not if you keep a cow and if so, how you get along with her. If at any time you want for anything, you must let me know. I have not seen father but I know how difficult it is for any person either soldier or citizen to get a pass in Nashville. If I had of known when he was going to be here I could have seen him. He may not have been here yet. Nelly seems to be afraid that I will loose my heart here in the wilderness but she need not be afraid of that for my memory still reverts back to a time when it ceased to be mine to loose so you may all rest easy on that score. The men that were after Old Wheeler have returned all but five of the 1st Wis Cav. My bunk mate did not return. He is now in the hospital. He left one limb on the battlefield, he was one of the veterans. Col. O.T. (?) Lagrange passed through here on his way to Wisconsin with the old boys who have been home before this time. I saw Heisc about five minutes when he was on his way home. We are expecting to go to the front in a few days. The captain has received orders to be ready to march as soon as possible. I will send Nelly a ring that I made for her out of a shell. With these few lines I will close hoping soon to hear from you again.

I sign myself every truly yours,

U.C. Eddy

P.S. Please write soon and direct to Camp Smith, Nashville, Tenn. In care of Capt. N. Jones, ___ ___ Del 1st Wisc Cav

Written in haste

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing

Addressed to: Clark Eddy Esqr, East Troy, Wisconsin

Postmarked: from ___ Haven, ___ TN -Mar 19

Sept 8 1862

Dear Parents

I received your letter of yesterday and was indeed glad to hear from you. You wanted to (know) what kind of a plug of a horse I had and what weapons I used. Well, I had just no plug at all but I had a medium sized bay horse with two white hind feet, one white fore foot. He had a star in his forehead and was the best saddle horse in the company. In the charge of Tailors Creek in which was forty of the picked horses of the regiment he left all but one behind. We run three miles and a half. My arms were a Springfield rifle and a six repeater. Swords are of no use in bush whacking. We left ours at the Cape Pan doing as well here as can be expected. We lost all our clothes except our pants and shirts that we had on. We shall have to buy more ourselves. I shall have to borrow money to buy a jacket. We shall not get our pay of the government until the first of next month. I don't know whether you will get your twenty dollars before I get my share or not. Please let me know whether you get it or not. The Government does not intend to pay us until they have paid of the bounty money. A division left here yesterday for parts unknown. Five large steamers left here yesterday for Helena supposed to be after troops. I cannot think of anything more to write so accept with this my sincere love to all.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

Write soon and direct to Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing

Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy, E Troy, Wis

Postmarked: from Rippon, Wis - Oct 12, 1861

Oct 23, 1862

Dear Parents

Since I wrote to you last I have been in the post hospital Cape Girardeau. Until I despaired of getting well there when I returned to camp to try it there. Since I returned to camp I have been gaining every day. I gained ten pounds in the last week. I went out on a short scout a short time since and when I returned I was completely used up. I drew a new horse before going out. He was a grey horse and I traded him for a bay. I got a horse worth twenty five dollars more than the grey. All of the regiment that were able to go went to Greenville about two weeks ago. We have not heard from them since. I suppose that you have seen David before now as he has got his discharge. I am glad that he has got his discharge for while in Memphis and while in the Corps he was one of the most homesick boys that I ever saw. While in Memphis he was continually talking about Josey Case and his mothers rituals (?). George Wright is here and he has been sick ever since the first of July. Ed Hallenberck is sick with the ague. He is better than he has been. The rest of the boys from our way have all gone to Greenville. John Medberry was shaking every day when they left. Joseph Dayle has had his leg taken off on account of a shot from his own revolver by accident. Five more of our boys have been taken prisoners at Bloomfield MO. Adjutant George O. Clinton has been promoted captain of Co. B. Our staff field and line officers are nearly all sick. There is not more than two hundred and fifty men in the regiment fit for duty. I don't think there is as many. We have been expecting an attack on this post for the last few days. The Thirty-ninth Meo Regiment is at this post. The sick in this regiment are getting discharges at the rate of ten per day. Those that are left look more like skeletons than live men.

I am gaining slowly every day and hope soon to be able for duty. I have received a letter from George Reporter also from Uncle Porte. I see that George is going to school at Allens Grove. I can think of nothing more to write, therefore I send my love to all.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing
Addressed to: Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI
Postmarked: non legible

Patterson
Nov 20, 1862

Dear Parents

Since I last wrote to you we have moved from Cape Girardeau to Patterson, MO. It rained nearly all of the way out here and has rained ever since we have been here. I have been gaining ever since I wrote to you. I am now able to do my regular duty. George Wright is sick yet. I think he will get a discharge. He has been sick ever since the first of July. We expect to leave here in a few days. We have to go twenty miles after forage for our horses. It will soon be all gone. Our horses have not had any hay for a long time. There is about twenty thousand men here. We expect to move south in a few days. There is some talk of our getting our pay before we leave. We have not received any pay since the first of July. There is also some talk that there will be a U.S. Recruiting Officer for the regular service. There is a good many talking of enlisting. I think that nearly all of our will men will go. They offer thirty days furlough to all recruits. John Medberry is getting healthy again. I have just received a letter from Cousin George. He is well. George Wright has just received a letter from Carrie Thayer. She wrote a good letter giving us all good advice and telling me that I must write often to my mother and tell her the exact state of my health. I have, therefore, written to you to tell you that my health is good. The health of the regiment is gaining fast. Please kiss Nelly for me. I send my best respects to all. Please write soon.

This from your son,
U.C. Eddy

Please write soon and direct to U.C. E. Co. B 1st Wis. Cav.
By way of St. Louis, Mo.
In care of Captain George O. Clinton

Camp Near Patterson

Dec 5, 1862

Dear Parents

I received your letter that you sent by Mr. Wright in due time and was glad to hear from you. I am glad to hear that you are in usual health. Mr. Wright has got a discharge for George and he started for home the third. I received a letter from George Porter a few days ago at Allens Grove. He seems to be enjoying himself hugely. We are expecting to move for the South in a short time. General Davidson has taken command in person. I like his appearance very much. He looks like a soldier and a scholar. He is very strict in his orders. We went out to Bloomfield a few days ago and captured Colonel Feelon, two of his captains and eight of his men. We charged on Bloomfield but the Rebels would not fight, they just got right up and skeedaddled. My health has been improving fast for the last few weeks so that I cannot think of a discharge and furloughs are played out. We expect to move south in a short time. I think there will be a large battle at Little Rock, Ark before a great while. The health of our regiment is improving fast. We have not heard from Colonel Daniels in a long time. Our regiment is brigaded with the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry. When you write again, please send me a few postage stamps. We cannot get any here for leave nor money. Lieutenant Hobbs of our Company who has taken prisoners at the fight of Leaugerille River was here yesterday. He is not yet angled eseek (?). We like our new captain very much. There is some talk that we will have our boys that were paroled back before a great while. With these few lines I must close hoping that you will soon write. Hoping also to find you in usual health.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

Tell Nelly that she must write to me again. I hope she will soon be able to direct her own letter when you write direct to me.

Co. B. 1st Wis Cav

In care of Captain George O. (?) Clinton by way of St. Louis, MO

Jan 23, 1863

Dear Parents

Received your kind letter in due time and was glad to hear that you were all well. I am much obliged to you for the *postage stamps*. We have been moving over the country at a rapid rate for the last few weeks. We are now stationed at Thomasville. It is near the Arkansas line. My health is quite good at present. If you had not of spoken about Christmas I shouldn't have known that there had been any such time as that. I hardly knew there was a New Years it passed like all other days. I cannot think of much of anything to write about.

It is quite warm here now though it has been cold enough to freeze several of the boys' feet. We had about four inches of snow during the past week. General Davidson's whole division is moving south. I have not heard from Porter's folks for some time. We heard a short time since that our paroled boys would soon be with us again. Tell Nelly that I thank her for her Merry Christmas and I wish her a happy New Year. With these few lines I send my love to all.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

Please direct as before.

Cape Girardeau
March 15, 1863

Dear Parents

Q.M. QUARTERMASTER
Not having received an answer to my last letter which was written some time ago, I have resolved to write a few lines to you. We have just returned from a long and tedious winters' campaign and we are once more living on full rations. That is we draw such from the E.M. (?). We are once more back to our old camping grounds. All but two companies of our regiment have gone to Bloomfield. It is reported that General Marmyduke has advanced on that place with four thousand men. The twelfth Mo cavalry is at Bloomfield now. The 23rd Iowa infantry and one battery of artillery has gone with the 1st Wis. We have just received four months pay from government. There is four months pay still due us you will receive forty dollars from Madison on my allotment share not been very well for the last few weeks. I am in the hospital at this place. I have been having the ague but am getting better every day. When I get a little better I think I shall go to nursing in the hospital and not go into camp until I am free from the ague. I received a letter from Cousin George and he said that you had not heard from me in seven weeks. I thought that if such was the case I would write immediately. When we were on the march I could not get time to write very often. I think that we have done our share of marching during the past winter sometimes with half rations and sometimes without. It is getting rather late and I must close.

This from your son,
Urial C. Eddy

Please write soon and direct to post hospital, Cape Girardeau, ^{Mo.} Nev (?)

Please kiss Nelly for me. Give my best respects to all. Let me know whether you receive the allotment from government.

Cape Girardeau
March 29, 1863

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter in due time and I know improve the present opportunity to write to you. My health is slowly improving. It is reported that our regiment will go down to Memphis Tennessee. I think if it does I shall go with them instead of staying in the hospital. My Co has been on a scout ever since I wrote to you. ~~Mayor~~ ^{MAJOR} Torry has been in Arkansas chasing the rebels ever since the regiment went to Bloomfield. Our boys in the hospital are all doing well, John Medberry is getting tough as a bear. Edwin Hallenbeck is in the hospital at Bloomfield with the ague. The rest of the boys are well. We have got a new post surgeon. I do not like him very well. He puts on too much stile. He says he would rather give ten men wooden overcoats than see one go home. There is a great deal of sickness at Helena. Charles Ferry and Leinsley Smith are both sick in the hospital at Helena Arkansas. I think there will soon be a great battle at ~~Wicksburg~~ ^{VICKSBURG}. We may be there to take part in the great battle which is to decide the fate of the Mississippi River and vicinity. I hope so at least for the 1st Wis has never had a chance to do anything but bush-whacking. Our Col. is here and is doing all he can to get our regiment moved south. Old Marmyduke did not think it adviseable to make an attack on the Cape at present. ~~We~~ We can have troops here too quick to make it adviseable for an attack. Almost every boat that passes here is loaded with soldiers. We are having quite pleasant weather here. The grass begins to start. We have had some very pretty flowers that came from the gardens surrounding the armorey. The citizens here think a great deal of the 1st Wis. Calvery. With these few lines I must close. Please give my well wishes to all.

This from your son,
U.C. Eddy

Please direct as before.

Salem, Tenn
July 12, 1863

Dear Parents

Since I last wrote to you we have moved from Nashville to Triune and after staying there five or six days, we struck our tents and commenced the forward movement. We are in the right wing of Rosencrans Army. The 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division of the 12th Reserve Corps of the Army of the Cumberland. There were twelve thousand cavalry and as many infantry with a considerable artillery. We went eight miles and then fought until dark when we laid down on our arms to rest until we were called to arms by the shrill notes of the bugle. The next morning we were up by three and found the enemy had retreated during the night for Middleton. The next day we advanced on that place with cavalry and artillery, the infantry going another road with the trains. After fighting until five the enemy were routed and flew for Shelbyville, we then waited for the trains to come up with the bacon and shingles. As soon as we got our rations, we started for that place where we camped that night after fighting hard all day. We captured one thousand prisoners and five pieces of artillery. The 1st Wis done their share of the fighting. Since that time we have not done any fighting of any importance. We are now at Salem. We expect to leave in the morning. It is not necessary for me to give you a detailed account of the battles that have been fought here. I have not time. But we have been victorious thus far. Though we have done and accomplished what was thought to be a hard task there is still more to do and we are all ready to do all we can. My health is good at present. I have not had the long-looked for letter yet. I have not heard from home since leaving Cape Girardeau. Please write soon as convenient. I have no more this time.
Direct to Murfreesboro, Tenn.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

I am acting orderly for Major Paine

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing

Addressed to: Meissis Sarah Eddy, East Troy, Wis

Postmarked: from Rippon, Wis - Nov 13 186 ____

Nov 3, 1863 (not sure of the year)
Camp near Winchester

Dear Parents

I receive your kind letter nearly a week ago but have not had time to answer it until this evening. Since I last wrote to you we have done some hard marching and some fighting within Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama. After having a hard march over the mountains we went to Crawfish Spring where commenced the great battle of Saturday and Sunday. Our brigade was separated from the division and surrounded by the Rebels on Saturday about five miles from the spring and were obliged to cut their way through the enemy's lines which they done after about three hours fighting. Sunday we formed the right of the line of battle. We skirmished all day the enemy's cavalry. There was also some tall figuring done on our side to keep out of tight places. This evening we retreated eight miles. Tuesday we skirmished all day slowly retreating with Thomases corps. We at last arrived in Chattanooga and crossed the river after drawing rations. After staying here several days we marched to Bridgeford where we stayed until we were sent after Wheeler and Forest. We first met him in Suquatchee Valley. The 1st Wis. Charged the rebs there and drove them six miles taking forty prisoners besides the wounded. Their loss was one wounded. We followed them to Murfreesboro via Mer. Meinville. From here to Shelbyville where the rebs forces divided. This morning I got permission to go foraging corn. When about two miles from camp and while busily engaged in feeding my horse, about a dozen Rebs rode up between me and the column which had just started out and I did not notice them until they fired a half dozen shots at me. I did not like the close proximity of lead so I just mounted and skeedadled, joining the 2nd division at Shelbyville. I reported to General Crook Commanding the 2nd Division and he told me that I had better stay with him until my division joined the 2nd, which would be in a few days. The Rebs had camp about eight miles from Shelbyville. We attacked them at about 9 AM. We had a running fight of eight miles when the rebs were obliged to make a stand at Farmington where we had a pretty severe fight. We had one Col. and ten men killed. The Rebs lost a great deal heavier than we did. They lost 250 prisoners, four pieces of artillery and retreated disorganizedly. We then followed them to the Tennessee River which the most of them crossed they having the start over us. We then returned to Huntsville. From there we marched to Winchester where we are now encamped. I am still at Brigade Headquarters. With these few lines I will close. Write soon.

Uriel C. Eddy

Direct to Winchester Ten. Via Nashville

I had nearly forgotten to tell you that I drew the money for the months that we were paid and I kept it in hopes that I should get a furlough. I am still in hopes of one. The amount is forty dollars. \$20.00. It is not safe to send money by mail as I have written several letters that I am confident you never received.

Alexandra Ten
Nov 22, 1863

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter last evening and was indeed glad to hear from you. I was glad to hear that you were in usual health. It does me good to know that they have carried out the draft. We were afraid the government would be too lenient with them. I wish they could not pay three hundred dollars and get out of the service for it gives the rich men all the advantage. I think it is an insult to the working people of the United States. I am glad that Charley Smith was drafted though I do not suppose that he will ever be of much use to the government. But he would stop a bullet as well as a poor man. I would like to see such men as him on such a scout as the one after Wheeler. We started with three days rations and were gone twenty days. If he had been there he would have been glad to eat hard tack or shingle (as they are called). We left Winchester the 15th and arrived here yesterday. We will stay here some time. According to the last order of the war department we will be mustered out of service on July next. You said it was too risky to be out alone but a soldier gets used to such things and does not think of danger though I shall not go needlessly into danger. I joined my division a few days after I was separated from it. They thought I was captured. The 1st Wis belongs to 2nd brigade and 1st division of cavalry. I am still at Brigade Headquarters. I like the place and have a great many privileges I could not in the company. I do not have to be up nights only now and then on the march. You will please excuse *all mistakes for I am in a hurry.*

This from your son,
U.C. Eddy

Envelope information:

Return address: none
Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy, East Troy, Wis
Postmarked: from Louisville, KY - Jun 11, '64

Knoxville

Dec 13, 1862 ¹⁸⁶³

Dear Parents

Having a few leisure moments this evening I thought that I would improve it by writing a few lines to you. We have moved to East Tennessee under Burnside. We are now within four miles of Kingston and expect to march to the front in a day or two. ~~St~~rongstreet is reported retreating for Virginia. I have seen nearly one thousand deserters from the army under ~~St~~rongstreet while crossing the mountain and they say that the most of them went to the other road. It is reported that Sherman has captured eight thousand of ~~St~~rongstreet's men. I don't know how true it is. We are having rainy weather here now. We have just received orders to be ready to march without baggage. I think that means that we have to follow ~~St~~rongstreet. I have not received an answer to my last letter yet. We expect to go to Knoxville when we leave here. The roads are getting very muddy on account of so many supply trains passing over it. I am still at Brigade ~~Head (?) Gers (?)~~ ^{HEADQUARTERS} and in good health.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy
Co B 1st Wis Cav

I direct as before.

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing
Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy, East Troy, WI
Postmarked: from Knoxville, TN - Dec 26 or 28

Merryville Tenn
Feb 8, '64

Dear Parents

Since I last wrote to you the army has been quiet on the Ohio. We have had very fine weather the most of the time. We expect to leave here tomorrow. Myself with four others have enlisted as Veterans. We will be escalated to the State for the next draft. We are entitled to whatever bounty the state, county, and town are paying men that enlist. I wish you to see to it and secure this bounty. Our names have been sent to Madison and you can get all the information you want by writing there. There is four hundred recruits in Nashville to fill up the 1st Wis Cav.

No more this time

Urial C. Eddy

P.S. Direct as before

Camp new Marryville, Tenn

Feb 8, 1861 → 1864

THIS SHOULD BE 1864.
LETTER ALSO DATED 2-8-64
STATES HE RE-ENLISTED AS VST.
UNIT WAS NOT IN TEN, IN 1866.

Mer. Clark Eddy

Having enlisted as a Veteran, I hereby authorize you to collect for me the Bounty which is due me from the County of Walworth and the Town of East Troy.

Urial C. Eddy
Co. B., 1st. Wis Cav

Camp near Waterloo
Ala Feb 12, 1864 →

MISTAKE IN YGER
BELIEVE INDIVIDUAL
WROTE WRONG YR.
EVENTS DESCRIBED
DIDN'T OCCUR UNTIL 1865

Dear Father

We arrived here the 23rd of January and since that time we have been almost constantly on duty and have not had much time to write. I wrote a letter home when I just came here. I have not yet heard from home yet. We have been on cattle guard since we have been here. We have to drive them to Gravel Springs tomorrow. Co. B is now on detached service and I think we will be a considerable length of time. We now have twelve hundred and fifty head of cattle for the cavalry corps. I think we have a pretty soft snap on the regiment. It is very pleasant weather now but it rained nearly all the time coming through from Nashville. My health is good and I am in good spirits. When we first came here we lived on five days rations of parched corn but we are now having good rations. When we are driving cattle we do a considerable foraging. I hope this will find you well and enjoying yourself. Please write soon as convenient and excuse this short letter.

This from your son,

Uriel C. Eddy

P.S. Direct via Cairo.

MUSTER RECORDS
INDICATE EDDY TRAVELED
TO WISCONSIN, THEN
BACK TO KY TO REJOIN
1ST WI CAU.
- TALKS OF BEING IN MADISON
IN JUNE.

June 11, 1864

Dear Parents

I arrived in Madison Monday and was in good season. The most of us reported on Monday. We left there Wednesday noon and arrived in Louisville Thursday afternoon about three P.M. Col Daniels met us at the depot at Chicago and informed us that there was a supper awaiting us at the soldier's home. But we had not time to go down there so we went down to the cars and it was brought to us. When we arrived here old Morgan had destroyed two of the railroad bridges. We were consequently stopped here and we will be armed and equipped and sent out after him. The 9th KY Cavalry Vet are here also the 2nd Ind Cav with a portion of the 9th Key Cavalry. Morgan is reported to have two thousand five hundred men. If that is all he has got, we can easily whip him. The report is here that our regiment has lost nearly one half since we left. I am guard today and must close this in a hurry.

From your son
Urial C Eddy

P.S. Direct via Nashville

Vet Cav Camp Louisville
June 28, 1864

Dear Parents and Sister

I have been looking seriously for a letter from you for several days and not receiving one I resolved to write a few lines to you to let you know that I was well and in good spirits. We are still in Louisville but in a different camp from the one I was in when last I wrote to you. We have just been having a nice pleasant rain it rained about four hours yesterday. We received fifty dollars installment on our bounty a few days ago and I sent it by express to you. I also paid the express charges. Please write as soon as you receive it and let me know. We expect to stay here some time to come. We have not had much to do since we have been here. We have received horses and arms and we expect to have a good time the fourth of July. We will have a parade in the day time and those that visit will have the privilege of going to the dance in the evening. There is going to be a nice one at Spring Garden, a regular ticker. I do not know as I shall attend, I do not think I shall at least. I am acting G.M. Sergeant of the Veteran Detachment. I hope you will write soon and often. I shall be anxious to know if you received the money safely. But I must close this for I shall have to go town to draw the forage. With these few lines I must close hoping soon to hear from you.

This from
Urial C. Eddy

P.S. Direct to me at Park Barracks, Louisville, Key. In care of Capt. Apon____. Do not fret on my Cav Regt.

To Nelly

You must write to me and let me know how you get along at school and whether or not you have been to see Sarah or not yet. And if you have whether you had a good time or not and whether Sate was well or not. You must write often.

This from your brother,

U.C. Eddy

Vet Cav Camp
July 10, 1864

Dear Parents

I received your letter of July 3rd yesterday and I was glad to hear from you. I am glad to hear that you are all well. I am getting a little uneasy about that money and I hope you will let me know as soon as you hear from it. I sent it to East Troy by Adams Express Company. I told the Express agent that there was no express Co at East Troy but he said that would make no difference, that it would go to the nearest Express office. You will probably hear from it in a few days. I hope so at least. You wished me to express my mind as to how you should use the money you receive from me. I wish for you to use it - to get out of debt first, then I wish for you to use it to the best advantage possible. If you think it would improve more at interest than in any other way, then you can put it at interest (if you don't want to use it). If you need it, then use it. Or if you could make more to invest it s_____ then invest it in that way. If you think it best to work at Bugeys then you can use it to by material or you can invest it in horse flesh. You can then give me a note which I will leave with mother as I do not want to carry it for fear of loosing it. The money will be expressed to Eagle after this. I am well and this finds you the same.

This from your son,
U.C.E.
Direct as before

Dear Sister

I received your kind letter yesterday and I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines hoping this will find you well and in good spirits and I shall then think that you are still learning and fitting yourself for the place in society that it shall be your destiny to fill. I see by our letter that you are having vacation. I hope you will enjoy yourself during the vacation and when the school commences have a good teacher and be a good girl. I received a letter from Cousin George yesterday and one from Irene today. Please write soon.

This from your loving brother,

Urial C Eddy

Vet. Cav Camp Louisville Key
Aug 6, 1864

Dear Parents

I received two very welcome letters from home last eve. One of July 22 the other of June 16th which had been to the front and returned. I received six letters last evening that had been to the Regt and returned. I am very glad to hear that you are all well and I hope you will continue the same. My health is quite good at present. We have been having several days of very rainy weather though the sun shines very brightly today. The report is that the 1st Cav Division is nearly all captured. We are very anxious to hear from the Regt. Day before yesterday I received a letter from Sis Ferry which had been to the front. I also received another direct. She was well. But I presume you have seen her before this time for she was intending to call the next week for Nelly. We are not having very much to do here just at present. The 9th Pa Cav is here with us. I have just bought one of Colonel M Seayranges photographs which I will send in this letter. I think it is as natural as life itself. I intended to have bought a photograph album before I left and made mother present of it if you will let me know I will send you several of my soldier friends to put into it. I will now close sending my love to all.

This from your son,

U.C. Eddy

P.S. Please write as soon as convenient and direct to Bosc Nor 28th, Louisville Key. In care of Capt N. Jones.

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing
Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy
Springfield Ten
In the employ
Of the government
Of the U.S.

Camp Smith
Sept 8, 1864

Dear Sister and Parents

Not having received a letter from you I resolved to write you a few lines. I think I must have some mail at the regiment for I have not received any for several days. When we left Louisville we expected to go to the front or return to Louisville immediately but we can never foretell the destiny of a soldier. Old Wheeler that we gave so uncomfortable a chase last year has returned to try his old tricks over again but I think it will be a sore job for him before he gets away, if he is so lucky as to get away with a whole head. I should be happy to hear that he had received the just retribution that John Morgan has just received. The news throughout the whole western department is very encouraging just at the present time. We are expecting the old boys of the 1st Wis Cav whose time has expired to be here on their way home every day. Edwin Hallenbeck was mustered out of the invalid corps the 1st of the month and he has started for home. John Medberry started for home three days before we arrived here. Col. Leogrange has been exchanged and is now with the regiment. My health is quite good at present and I hope this will find you enjoying the same blessing. I hope that I shall hear from you soon. When you write please let me know what the names of the drafted men are. As it is getting dark I must close hoping this will receive a speedy answer. With this I send my love to all. If Nelly has been up to see Sarah she must write and let me know how she enjoyed herself.

I sign myself your every loving son and brother.
Uriel C Eddy

P.S. Direct to Camp Smith, Nashville, Tenn.
In care of N. Jones, Capt - Com Det 1st Wis Vet Cav

Camp Smith
Nashville Ten
Oct 18, 1864

Dear father

Not having received a letter from you and hearing that you was at Springfield I resolved to write you a few lines to you to let you know that I am well and in good spirits. You are probably aware that all the troops in Tenn were required to drive Forest out of the state. We have been after him twenty one days and have just returned. This is the reason why I have not written to you before. I had one horse shot under me at Pulasce the 27th of Sept. We fought Forest several times during the raid. I am well and hope this will find you enjoying the same blessing. I heard from Mother by letter yesterday dated the eighth. Cousin George is boarding there and going to school. Please write soon and let me know how you get a long.

→ PULASKI TN

This from your son,
U.C. Eddy

P.S. Write soon and direct to Camp Smith, Nashville, Tenn. In care of Capt N. Jones, 1st
Wis Cav.

Louisville, Ky
Nov 26, 1864

Dear Mother & Sister

I received your very welcome letter of the 19th, day before yesterday and I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am still solicitous for your welfare and I hope sincerely that this will find you and Nelly better than when you last wrote to me. No one can tell with what feelings I perused those lines from you. It was very unlooked for news and very unwelcome. But I am glad that you let me know that Nelly was sick and if she should be any worse I want you to let me know immediately. If you can get a good girl to help you I think you had better get one. They are making out the pay books here and as soon as we get our pay I will send you fifty dollars to Elkhorn by express. I would get a furlough and come home if it were possible but I do not think that I can. I received a letter from father yesterday. He states that his health is quite poor but that he is able to attend to the shop. When last I wrote to him I wrote from Nashville. I told him that I would come to see him if possible but we left the next day and it was impossible for me to go. We left Nashville the 20th and arrived here the 21st. We will remain here until we draw horses and equipments. We are very comfortably situated five miles from town. When I get my pay I shall try again for a furlough. The Sanitary Commission of Louisville gave a dinner to the 1st Cav. Div on Thanksgiving Day. They furnished us with sanitary stores and we cooked them ourselves. I was the cook that day and we had a splendid dinner. But enough this time. Please write as soon as you receive this. Give my love to Nelly and kiss her for me. Tell her that I wish I was there to help take care of her.

This from your son,
Urial C. Eddy

P.S. Direct to Louisville Key, Co B 1st Wis Cav
I have returned to Mey Camping

East Troy

Dec 25, 1864

Dear Father

I wish you merry Christmas. It is now snowing but it don't matter to me for I can't go out. I hung up my stocking last night and got a little fresh milk and a candy _____. They are very pretty Clara. We each got a candy _____ and a little tin dipper. There was a Christmas tree ____ (acct?) to Calv Wellsprary last evening and Uncle Bostes hung a fur cap on the tree for Abby, a new dress for Ida, a pair of skates for Johnny and a pair of pants for George. I expect it looked very nice. Uncle Porter went to Milwaukee and he bought me a lemon and a codfish and a fresh of _____ (expoples?) and they taste good and I wish I could send you some. We have not heard from Urial in 3 weeks and we are feeling very anxious about him and if you have heard since please write and let us know. You must hurry and come home for _____ looks so old you would think she was your grandmother. She has lost one tooth since you have been gone and another is most gone. Four months is most gone and you must hurry up and come home but I wish it was all gone and we haven't been out of the smoke of the chimney since you have been gone. Write soon as possible.

This from your daughter,
Helen Cordelia Eddy

Mr Keats is improving

Bowlinggreen Key (KY)
December 30, '64

Dear Mother & Sister

I received your kind letter of the 4th yesterday and I now improve the present opportunity to let you know that I am still well and in good spirits. We left Louisville the 4th and we have been on the march ever since after the rebel General ~~Seyon~~. We fought him two separate days while after him. I hope you will never think that it was any neglect of mine as the reason why I did not write sooner but it was because I had no chance to write before. Even if I had written I had no chance to mail my letters. We expect to go to Nashville in a few days. I think when we get there that we shall get our pay. I hope so at least. When you write, let me know how you get along. I hope to hear that Nelly is much better when next you write. I have not heard from father since leaving Louisville. I hope to hear from him soon. With these few lines I will close hoping soon to hear from you again. Keep Nelly for me. I send my love to all.

→ LYON

This from your affectionate and well wishing son,

U.C. Eddy

P.S. Write soon and direct via Louisville KY. Please excuse this short letter for I have no more time today.

U.C. Eddy

Camp Smith, Nashville
Jan 6, 1865

Dear Father

We arrived in Nashville last evening and I take this opportunity to let you know that I am in Camp Smith or rather where Camp Smith used to be. We expect to remain here until Monday. We have orders to be ready to march at one days' notice. I do not think that it is possible for me to come to see you. I am very sorry that I was not here when you was here to see me. I am well and in good spirits.

This from your son,
Urial C. Eddy

Springfield Wis
Jan 9, 1865

Monday
Beloved Wife

It is with pleasure that I address you by the silent language of the pen and by do so for I have good news to tell you, in the first place we have had no mail for two or three weeks. I have sent my mail out through the Quartermasters mail but received none so far. I volunteered to go to Nashville and fetch the mail back with me if I could get a pass on the car. I was supplied with a pay and I started on the train at five in the evening and reached Nashville at eight. I delivered my message at the office and then went for Mr. Balshers quarters to stay over night. He told me that Urial had been there that day, this was on Saturday and they was camped out four miles at Camp Smith. He had written to me to come and see him for he could not come out here. His letter was yet lying in Nashville office. He told Mr. Balshers we could not come out there that night as we could not pass the guards after sundown. So I was obliged to wait until morning. I think I did not sleep much that night but soon as it was daylight, Mr. Balshers and I started for Camp Smith, mud ankle deep we arrived there about eight o'clock. I found Urial well and in good spirits. He had been after the Reb General ~~Seyon~~ ever since he wrote to us at Louisville, Ky. He says they fought him twice and whipped him both times and when their animals got tired they left him and some other division started after him and is after him yet. Urial is quite fleshy and seems to enjoy himself first rate. He is acting Sergeant. I stayed with him all day and of course took dinner with him. He seemed to be chief cook and all hands. We had a first rate dinner we stayed as late as we could and pass the pickets by sundown. He went with us as far as the picket line. I was obliged to come back to the city that night as we have only one train a day and that leaves Nashville at seven in the morning and reached here at noon. I got for myself six letters - two from you, 2 from Urial, 1 from Mr. Balsher, 1 from P. Mr. Clarke near Washington. You still spoke of your brother George's boy dying at Nashville. I suppose it was given they will surely feel the loss very much. He was a very good boy. I had written a few lines to George which I will send with this thinking perhaps you would like to write a few lines. Send it soon. I will answer your letter and Nelly's in my next. You must not think hard of me if you do not get my letters regular for I write them and shall do my best to have them go through.

This from your faithful and affectionate husband until death,
Clark Eddy

My love to Nelly

→ LYON

To Helen C. Eddy

The song ballad

The drummer boy of Shilvas

(SHILOH?)

On dark and bloody field the dead and wounded lay among them was a drummer boy
who beat the drum that day.

A wounded soldier held him up his drum was by his side
He clasped his hands, he raised his eyes, he prayed before he died.
(repeat)

Look down upon the battlefield oh though our heavenly friend.
Have mercy on our sinful souls, the soldiers cried amen.
For gathered around a little boy each brave man knelt and cried.
They listened to the drummer boy who prayed before he died.
(repeat)

Oh Father, said the dying boy, look down from heaven on me
Oh take me to thy fond embrace, oh take me home to thee
I've loved my country as my God to serve them both, I've tried
He smiled, shook hands death sighed the boy, he prayed before he died.
(repeat)

Each soldier wept there like a child shout (?) hearts were they and brave
The flag his winding sheet, God locks the key unto his grave
They wrote upon a single board, these words this is a guide
To those who would mourn the drummer boy who prayed before he died.
(repeat)

The angels around the throne of grace look down upon the brave
Who fought and died on shilvas planes now slumbering in the grave.
How many homes made desolate; how many hearts made sad
How many like the drummer who prayed before he died.

Written by Clark Eddy

Macon Ga

May 9th, 1864 (not 1865 as originally thought - enlarged view clearly shows 1864)

SHOULD BE 65 SOLDIERS
MISTAKE ON WRITING
PART IN WRITING
DATE EVENTS IN 1865

- SHERMAN DID NOT
TAKE SAVANNAH UNTIL
DEC 64

- EVENTS DESCRIBED
ARE WILSON'S
RAID

- MONTGOMERY, AL
SURRENDERED
1865 NOT
1864

Dear Parents

I have at last arrived at a point where I can write to you once more to let you know that I am still well and in good spirit. Since leaving Waterloo Ala we have had hard marching and we have passed through several hard fought battles. The three hardest were Salmon SELMA Alabama, West Point Alabama and Columbia. Besides these we took several other towns of less importance. We obtained the surrender of Montgomery Alabama and of Macon Georgia without firing a gun. We have captured over two hundred pieces of artillery and destroyed the most extensive arsenals of the south both naval and military. Yesterday was the first time that we could send mail since starting on this raid and this had to go to Savannah, therefore I will close hoping soon to hear from you and that you are well. We expect to remain here until the amnesty is over and then if peace is made we may be at the state in January next. I do not think that the cavalry will get home sooner because it will require a considerable cavalry to keep the guerillas down.

This from your son. Please write soon and give me my respects to all inquiring friends.

Your truly,
U.C. Eddy
Col B 1st Wis Cav

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing
Addressed to: Mer Clark Eddy, East Troy, Wis
Postmarked: from Savannah, GA - May 19

Troy Wis
May 31, 1865

Dear Urial

Never was I so happy by hearing the recipient of a letter as ____ I last ^N might by receiving yours. I have looked so anxiously for the past two months for a letter from you and had almost ____ to imagine lots of unpleasant things which might have happened to you. I am happy to hear that you are well. After your long and tedious campaign, I think you had good success. I do not think many more such victories will be needed to terminate this rebellion. I think it is being crushed rapidly at present. At least I hope so. How glad I am that old Jeff is captured. I hope he will meet his just punishment if it is in the power of mass to give it to him.

What a sad calamity to the nation the death of our lamented President Lincoln. At first report, the news seemed perfectly incredible. But it proved to be all too true. Just as the clouds began to clear away and it seemed that one might be a prosperous happy people once more, a plot must be laid to drape this bleeding country in deeper mourning. After our President had almost restored a broken union he must be sacrificed to revenge Johnson is not as good principal ____ as Lincoln was but he is a union man and will deal with this rebellion much more severe than even Lincoln did. I am glad the assassin is where he can take no more such precious lives.

Mr. Coltross delivered a splendid funeral discourse upon the death of Lincoln (shortly after his decease) here on ____ Line. We learned some pieces for the occasion to sing and I played them on my melodion.

I was at East Troy some two weeks since called at your house found your mother quite low spirited as she had not heard from you in a long time. Nellie was at school, I expected to gain some information relative to your whereabouts but I was sadly disappointed for as long a time had elapsed since she had heard from you as had with myself. Had I known where to have directed, I should have written to you. I must stop writing and get dinner as mother is sick I have to do considerable and do not have much leisure time. She has the neuralgia livea complex. The doctor has been here four times and I'm expecting him today. By being careful I grieve she will soon get well again. I have written this in haste as you perceive by the looks.

Oh! I want to see you so much Urial and I think of you very often and love you ever so much, better than ever I think. Take good care of yourself and write as often as possible and believe me truly your true Sarah Ferry. Goodbye my dear one for the present

Envelope information: (no return address)
Addressed to: Mr Clark Eddy, Springfield Ten. In care of Seier Henry Se Wheeler, .A.

Postmarked: from Nashville, TN - Feb 28, 18__

Nashville Tenn
June 10, 1865

Dear Mother & Sister

Since I received your last letter we have had quite a number of changes in our military program. We have moved from Macon Ga to Atlanta, from there to Chattanooga and then to Nashville. While in Chattanooga I received a letter from father stating that he was in Nashville waiting for his discharge and pay. When I arrived in Nashville, I embraced the earliest opportunity to find him. I spent the day with father yesterday and enjoyed myself quite well. He expects to get his discharge and pay by Monday next. The one year and the sixty-two men of the 1st Wis are to be mustered out of service immediately. The Veterans may have to stay a considerable length of time before they can be mustered out. I hope we shall not have long to wait. The boys are all in good spirits. Father is looking much better than I expected. My health has been quite poor for about three weeks. I am feeling much better now. With these few lines I will close, hoping soon to hear from you again and hoping this will find you well and enjoying yourselves. I hope that before many months have passed away I may again be permitted to enjoy the comfort of home once more with the ones I love so dear. With these few lines farewell until I write again.

This from your ever affectionate
Urial C Eddy

P.S. Write soon and direct to Louisville

Camp near Sevierville
East Tenn

Dear Sister and Parents

I received your kind letter a few days and was indeed glad to hear from you for I had been looking long and anxiously for it. We have had some pretty hard fighting since we came to Strawberry Plaines. We went to Moss Creek and commenced fighting the day before Christmas and we fought five days. We had several fights after that. One week ago last Sunday we had the hardest fight that our regiment ever had. We came pretty near all getting taken prisoners. We rode right up to a hill where the rebel infantry was laying behind the hill waiting for the rebel cavalry to draw us on. When we attacked the rebs, they fell back and when we advanced they charged us on the right and left flank and on the lead horses. Then their infantry advanced in the center. You can see that we were in close quarters. We would have lost all of our horses if it had not been for the 4th Indiana Cavalry. They came up just in time to save them and us. We are encamped on the south side of French Broad River and the rebs are just opposite. Our infantry are fighting at Strawberry Plaines. I am well and in good spirits.

Yours affectionately,
U.E. Eddy

Boots and saddles are just sounding; the rebs are crossing the river but we can whip all of their cavalry.

Envelope information:

Return address: nothing
Addressed to: Clark Eddy, East Troy, Wis
Postmarked: un-readable

Partial Letter Written from Cape Girardeau

Seattle River on the opposite bank of which was Chalk Bluffs a distance of fifty miles before sunrise. We did not go upon this expedition for the reason that we were off upon another at the time. The Major halted his men upon the banks of the river and after examination found that the only way to cross the river was in a small ferry boat which would only carry fifteen men and this was upon the opposite shore. Accordingly, two men volunteered to swim the river and fetch the boat. The boat being brought, the major took fourteen men and went across the river to re-coordinate (?).

After they had crossed the river, two men were sent back with the boat leaving a force of only 13 men. The major then pushed on at a rapid pace until they came upon a lieutenant who was just in the act of mounting his horse, but he did not mount for he felt rather uncomfortable with the major's revolver looking him in the face. He accordingly took to the bushes and wept. They had not gone much further when they came upon somewhere between eighty and a hundred men. After firing one volley there, every man picked a tree our men followed suit. The fight lasted about ten minutes when the major rode up on his captured horse with a revolver in each hand and with the words pitched into them boys the cavalry will soon be up, he rode among the rebels and firing with both revolvers his tall form and long arms looked more like some lofty tree than like a man. One of the rebels captains was shot while leading on this men. They were scared at the way our boys shot and they threw away their arms and ran for dear life and in less than half an hour, the whole rebel force was on the retreat. Our little band being reinforced by thirty men they again formed and followed after them about four miles when fatigue forced them to return. They had had nothing to eat since the day before at noon. Our loss was one killed, five wounded, two mortally. Lieutenant Phillips has since died of his wounds. Lieutenant Merrel has gone home. The rebel loss is eleven killed, fifteen wounded. The next day they marched thirty miles and took the little steamer John Miller which was just leaving Hornersville with twenty thousand dollars worth of provisions.

This from your son,
U.C. Eddy

Please write soon.

Please direct to Cape Girardeau, MO