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United States Cavalry.

Camp Jackson

Thursday the 13th  
I have just received  
your letter it is now  
evening the boys are  
nearly all out doors  
enjoying the evening  
air it being more

pleasant and not so warm I have  
directed three letters home in less  
than <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ weeks I wrote to Harri  
the day before I did to Sarah  
stating that I had received your  
letter with the money the dollar was  
in the one that I got To day  
we are still encamped about three  
miles from town good camping  
ground in a grove with good water  
I don't think that we are to stay here  
a while for I can't see how such an  
army can advance very far <sup>into</sup> ~~into~~  
a country where there is <sup>no way</sup> of taking



provisions except by teams ~~it~~  
to move our little Regiment it  
takes ten company Teams of  
~~six~~ horses each three more for Per  
Lieu Doctor Band than for amunitions  
Provisions our teams fare rather hard  
on account of forage being scarce  
Thirty Steamboats loads came down  
the river with pressed Hay it only  
lasted two days it is said that  
there is twenty five thousand to  
feed, we have not drilled any since  
we left Camp Green but have got  
to drill not less than five hours a day  
by order <sup>d</sup> General Crittenden the boys  
from Twinsburgh that are in other reg  
have nearly or most of them been  
here to see us Silas Bates that  
went to School in Tr is first  
Lieu tent in a Com Moses Kelly  
is also a lieu tent

There it is Saturday and this not sent  
wel it cant go now til next week  
it is raining this morning the same



as usual yesterday it was my luck  
to be on duty moving fences removing  
brush briars & for a parade ground  
in the forenoon in the afternoon the rain  
came down in torrents with loud claps  
of Thunder we had to all be in tent so  
there was no chance to write yesterday  
In regard to that note of Harb's  
I rather you would do as you think best  
with it, if the majority are giving  
up their claims for fifty cts on a dollar  
I am willing to do so, we are to be  
paid of Monday that is if reports are true the  
Paymaster has been <sup>a gent</sup> put up here in the reg  
his safe is here, we wil most likely send  
the money home by Expres I dont care  
what is done with it if it is only put  
where you think it wil be safe

Sunday the long wished for Box arrived  
last night Cap was down Town looked it  
up there was not much trash that was  
spilt some things were injured by butter  
a chunk of butter done up in paper the box  
shook scattered the butter some



most a few fried cakes one or two pies was the  
that i saw that was entirely spoilt The  
Butter was excellent dried apples Currant Beef cracker pickles  
sassage cake pop corn almost every thing that you can think of  
most of the boys had a chunk of Cheese one whole &  
a piece of Sage Cheese from Crutch Canneys sent  
to the Soldiers from Evansburg was the first dispo  
the piece to me gave to the Cap selected best or good as any  
There is a report that Bern Michel has had  
orders to take up the line of march for Mobile  
burrow Alabama may be we wil have a  
chance to go I cant think of much to  
write so it stop

Thron Sherman



A D Florence Tuesday June 17

Sister Mary. I wil write you a few lines to let you know that i am stile in the land of the living, and of my where abouts we are now encamped in the woods on the banks of the Ten river in a place where the the bushes is a place where the bushes are so thick a man could scarcely get through horseback I have been to work this forenoon to help cut a road through so that we can find our way out not being used to chopping it makes my hand tremble so that i make slow work writing my paper to carried in my old knapsack and that ~~assess~~ for a chair makes it of rather poor quality we <sup>had</sup> rather a hard march in coming here there was two days of the hardest tramping that i have had since i came into the service saturday and Sunday was the worst for me we had scarcely any thing to eat a few crackers fudy morning was at that we had til ~~at~~ Sunday night we were up saturday morning before four there being some that come up with the reg that had not received their pay it was decided



that our reg should go rear guard of the  
Divisions Trains a train <sup>the boys could get their pay</sup> that is said to be  
eight miles long i think not quite so long

it was nearly ten before the last waggon was on  
the road but it was slow getting along the train  
had to be watered or the waggon locked going down  
hil so that it kept those in the rear standing still  
most of the time it march a little ways then  
~~stop~~ and wait so that by dark we were littl  
inclined to be tired hungry also but there was  
no rest for us it <sup>was</sup> go al night did get into camp  
til reveale had sounded sundy morn for them  
men to get ready for the days march

being tired our General got permission to rest  
a while we were soon streched out on the ground  
asleep but being in a cleared field the sun  
began to shine so hot that one and another  
would crawl out from under his blanket  
finally concluded that we had rather be on  
the march so on we went we lost none from  
our reg b by sun strokes although <sup>several</sup> dropped  
in the ranks our boys stood the march  
fristrate out of the squad that came from  
I there is sixteen of us all in good spirits  
enjoying our selves bet we can



on surely when we stoped to rest there  
was not over half of the reg in the rank  
being scattered along the road for several miles  
in the rear a great many a long here have  
enlisted in the rebel Army where we stoped  
there was a planter that was at the battle at  
Pittsburgh landing was taken prisoner by our  
troops died soon after this Plan had sent over  
a hundred slaves to work on the fortifications  
at Corinth none of them had ever come back  
we have been some what troubled for water  
on this march hafts to go til we find water  
that that we use for cooking we get out  
of the river wher Ben Jackson landed his  
Army when fighting the Indians i beleve  
<sup>i dont know what for</sup>  
it is a rock on this side extending straight up  
or nearly between 80 or hundred ft one road  
down the other places they go down on sturs and  
ladders since we came into Ar it has  
been a rich fertile country nearly all planted  
to corn fields extending as far as we can see  
the slaves had to work day and night to  
plant it one place where a slave woman was  
plowing out corn one of our boys seen plant  
more corn than usual a great deal more



have you planted any cotton, only one small  
piece, how much a little over a hundred #  
it is mostly corn here  
it I guess I shall have to stop for it is  
getting dark and have got to go again  
on the march to morrow morning  
I know nothing where we are going  
I have received one letter from George  
I have three letters directed to him his furlow  
is up this is the first chance that I have  
have to send them to late now had no chance  
to write to him, we have received two months  
pay it will risk five in this letter  
I shall surely lose it here  
I don't know as you can read this  
you will see by looking over that it  
was written in a great hurry  
if you can make it out and no  
one else reads it it is all right  
~~we so~~ I suffer I wish it had some milk  
to put in coffee we seldom get any  
along the road the cattle are all  
so wild and fear of being arrested  
so here goes Brown

Herman



UNION FOR EVER

Tollorrence June 22

Sisters Mary I have  
not received any letters from you  
yet there are reports heard  
that our letters are stopped  
and all the papers destroyed  
we think there must  
be something in the wind  
either good or bad

we are still at Tollorrence  
gardened the Town but are  
going to leave at three to  
morrow morning some say  
we are going to Chatanoga  
we dont know but has  
been intimated as though we  
would have a long march



we are having very  
warm weather here  
the boys are all kicking about  
as usual they are all able to  
march I have sent fifteen  
dollars ten in one five in  
the other letter will send  
fifteen Give in this  
I did not expect to  
write I wanted to send  
the rest of the money

Sherman



Sister I received your letter  
yesterday dated July 16th No 13  
No 12 I have not received I started one  
yesterday but wil write a few  
lines to send to morrow I an  
I wner received a letter with the  
the one I got was all the mail  
there was for our company one week  
mail it has now been nearly  
two weeks since we have heard  
anything from Twinsburgh yours  
came through in seven day most  
generally takes two three and four wks  
I wrote about not being very well  
I feel as well to day as ever I did  
but am not quite as strong as  
i yuseto was but are gaining fast  
every day the Dr told me that  
i had overdone on the march needed  
rest and advised me to get wild  
Cherry Dog wood root bark and put in  
a pint of whisky the Whisk could not  
be got so i have made tea of the bark



I am excused from all duty  
at present this forenoon I went  
down to the river a fishing and  
did my weeks washing the rest  
of the boys are all as well as  
usual enjoying themselves the  
best they can on their two brackers  
<sup>a day</sup> and Pork we live better than  
that we hook corn ~~that~~ is  
intended for the Teams have parched  
corn boiled corn grind the  
parched in the coffee mil a  
kettle of corn is boiling close by  
where I am writing so you see  
we are living in stile getting  
to be as saucy as you please the  
worst of it is the worst of it there  
is so many thieves it wants a guard  
with a gun over every haversack  
we get along very well on half  
dont hear much grumbling  
all our Team Horses get is twenty  
ears of corn a day nothing else



James Malone arrived here  
night before last from Nashville  
Hospital took him <sup>eight days</sup> several days  
to get here the Rail Road is  
garded a greater part of the way  
but for all of that they would  
run the train a few miles they  
find the track tore up <sup>bridges burnt</sup> or some  
other obstruction this is the  
reason the provision come in so  
slow they are brought on the  
two roads to Stevenson then  
on one to Bridgeport Man Anderson  
is still at Nashville cooking for  
the hospital we have two good  
Doctors in our Reg our butcher  
has gone home i think he has  
been an injury to the reg he was  
hated by every one In our 11th  
brigade there is four Regiments  
the 1st Ohio occupies the right 15th O  
the left 9th Kentucky the right of  
the center the 13th Ken Kernal  
Grider the left



Brigadier General Boil had  
the command but was appointed  
military Governor of Gen Kearnel  
Baty. He appointed to act in his  
place promising to help him  
the position. Kearnel Griener  
offered to help to went to  
Washington but instead of  
getting Kearnel Baty in  
Brigadier General he got the  
position himself has not  
taken command yet  
our brigade and the 14th is all  
of Gen Critters division now  
Gen Tent Kearnel Hollingsworth  
has been acting as Gen but  
went home this morning it  
is thought that he will not  
come back our reg getting to be a  
part of their is eight lieutenants vacant  
a part of Gen Michels are he Gen Critters  
Gen McCooks Divisions are here is all I believe  
the as is no Nelsons as they are guarding  
the Rail Road towards Nashville I do  
not know where Woodses Division  
Sorry that Georg could not have come  
we are talking of sending home to  
have boots made dont know wheather  
pink has my measure or no hand





Columbia Sunday Reet  
Sister Mary I have just  
received your Letter and  
seeing you sent a stamp  
it set down and send  
it back there doesnt seem  
to be much to be much to  
write about onely the rain  
is comming down in  
down in torrents, we are  
huddled in here & is writing  
& is out fixing the Tent  
for the water is coming  
in in all directions  
Barney is Washing up  
the Breakfast dishes so  
that we can have Dinner  
We hafto /do our own cooking  
our ~~own~~ now I have got pretty  
we skiled ~~writing~~ in cooking



the Lieutenants come here once  
in a while after good coffee  
I went down to River yesterday  
had two weeks washing to do  
Raining hard it is the first  
that we have had since leaving  
Louisville have had warm pleasant  
Weather here I don't think we  
are to stay here long it is said  
that we were sent here to decoy  
Colonel Coffee into a trap but he  
was too running we did not have  
three thousand while Colonel Coffee had  
seven or eight thousand it was  
thought that he would push on and  
attack us we were to retreat towards  
Sebanon where we would be reinfor-  
ced by about ten thousand another  
force was to take him in the  
rear he partly crossed the River  
but retreated back towards Tenn-  
see



I think that according to reports  
we shall leave this place for Glasgow  
a distance of thirty six pretty soon  
don't know only what we hear  
have just had a good Dinner  
had first dish fresh meat 2<sup>nd</sup>  
baked crackers now who will  
wash Dishes I won't it aint my  
term so it goes til they are  
wanted Captain Kirby is  
gaining slowly has not Drilled  
us much yet I presume you  
have seen the Letter I sent to  
Osker we have let two of the  
scotch go 1 one proved to be a Run  
ionist I did not expect to Write  
much that would interest you  
but do for me to pass away  
time for Camp is dreary place  
during a Rainy Day I have  
been looking for the last



Month for a letter from home  
have said that I should not  
write til I received them I have  
but one left am keeping them  
it to remember how they look  
I have no means to get them  
here The boys are all well as  
usual for aught that I know  
keep a wondering why the  
Boys that is sent dont the  
Teams are going to Lebanon  
this week may be they wil get  
it there is but nine six at the  
Hospital from this Reg I stood by  
there last night I sent a letter  
from John C. if it he hand you  
a note I have several letters to  
answer but shal not til I get  
some stamps George is writing  
Note to send to Net if you  
shoudl hear of us leaving here  
before I write direct to Louisville instead

of Columbus will soon be from John



Nashville Sep 21<sup>st</sup>

Mary my Sister, I nothing but  
a private in Buels Army lodged  
in the Hospital wil write you  
a few lines wheather you want  
to hear from me or not and if you  
dont wish to read them you can  
lay them aside When I last wrote  
I was at the Convalescent Barricks  
Wet, I aint there now when there  
a heavy shower came up it rained  
hard the wind blew and sent  
our tent a K. Kiting every thing  
i had goot pretty wel soaked  
that night i had a wet blanket  
this did not agree with me made  
me feel a little unwel so the  
next morning I went over to  
see the Doctor he gave me a dose  
of Whisky said i must go to the  
Hospital toled me to get my



knapsack and wait for an Ambulance  
well I waited all day none came the  
next day one came after driving  
nearly all over Town he lodged  
us at No 15 a new Hospital  
just started. No 12 have been  
broken up so as to build  
Fortifications there every high  
place about here is being fired  
out with Cannons and Entrench-  
ments the building here was  
built for a school it is three  
stories high I am in the second  
St there is 19 bunks in the  
room the room is as large as  
the Baptist Church the Bunks  
two ft and a half wide two  
high with two or three  
mattresses on each with sheets  
mostly from northern O I have a  
shirt made Soldiers Aid Society  
Akron No there is more Kent  
in the Hos than any state



There is none very sick in  
our room I know i aint I  
feel as though i wanted to be  
running about town but  
dassent keep pretty close to  
my room for fear that they  
wil send me to the Conva-  
lescent camp there we have  
tents hafto sleep on the ground  
not half as good fare and i  
am determined not to go to  
the regiment til i am stup  
as a knot they last that  
i have heard from it was  
going towards B Green

Wel here goes another swig of  
Whisky this is about all the  
medicme the Doctor gives me  
just enough for a stimulant  
much better than dosing down  
the drugs the way some hafto  
I think that there is seven  
different States repesented in  
this room the largest number from New York



Sister you dont know  
how bad i want to hear from  
Framsburgh its going on  
two months since i have heard  
any thing I presume there is  
letters at the regiment they move  
about so and me to it is impossi-  
~~ble to get them~~ the railroad  
not being in running order  
it is doubtful wheather this  
goes at present or not  
I am not indirely ignorant of  
what is going on i occasionally  
get hold of a daily paper  
had i money i could get it  
daily and sights of other trash  
that i banker after in market  
supper over got cheated out of the  
sweet potatoes not being in  
time its pitch in one gets the  
most is the best fellow  
I want you to write but dont  
know where to have you direct  
to they send me about so shor