Civil War Letters 1864
March 6th, 1864

Dear Sir,

I have just finished writing a long letter to Aunt which she will send on to you when she is done with it. We had had nothing very exciting since I wrote. Some of the galls back and no longer threaten to move off and our cavalry is to nearly, ready up to follow him up as far as we are concerned. We had to let him slide. I don't know what the infantry have done but during him there is a rumor that they captured his train and a large supply of provisions but rumors are not reliable and it is not credited here. I am sorry that money has not come to light. The only way I can account for it is that it was sent by express and I must have dropped it some place.

I sent about $1800 dollars belonging to C. E. & C. and also to Mrs. Williams Ohio State Pay Aund Columbus and of that fails. I do hope we will have to get the money. I will send you another hundred dollars so that for one of your money but if it is lost or
is carried you will have to be content
with the fifty remaining in future hands
which you have entirely, welcome to as I can
get along very well without it. Whether the
real value of light or not, there is another
one month's pay due me the 7th of this
month amounting to $154.50 which that will
wit all the works that I know of at present.
We are all well. I have your trip
hundred dollars to make out get the money
as I have been writing to do.


To Good Boy


P.S. The three cane came to hand and were
very acceptable, even more than I
straighten out the kindness on the heads of
both your horse and the moral of the
redoubtable Cole.
Camp near Clinch River on the road
March 6th, 1864

Dear Sir,

I have just finished writing a long letter to him which she will send on to you when she is done with it. We had had nothing very exciting since I wrote. Some about his fall back and no longer threats to Knoxville and our Cavalry is the nearest need up to follow him so as far as we are concerned we had to let him slide. I don't know what the infantry have done pursuing him. There is a rumor that they captured his train and a large number of provisions. But rumors are not reliable and it is not credited here. I am sorry that he promises has not come to light yet. The only reason I can account for it is that it was sent by express. I cannot have it sent at Brown Bag. I sent about 1800 dollars belonging to Co E by Mr. Williams at the same time all of which has been heard from. Father had better write to the express agent at Brown Bag or the end of the express line somewhere that knows he and also to Mr. Williams. Ohio state Pac. Agent Columbus and of that fails I shall know we will have to use the money either of the hundred dollars or that for you to pay money, but if it is lost or
and carried you all will have to be content with the fifty remaining in father's hands which you are entirely welcome to as I can get along very well without it, whether the loan comes this fall or not, there is another four months' pay due me the 1st of this month amounting to $18 48 13. And that will solve all the wants that I expect to at present, we are all well - I have your two hundred dollars to make out and cards to make out. I will send it all at once.

So truthfully yours,

[Signature]
Dear Til

I have just finished writing a long letter to Pem which she will send on to you when she is done with it. We had had nothing very exciting since I wrote. Longstreet has fallen back and no longer threatens Knoxville and our cavalry is too nearly used up to follow him so far as we are concerned we had to let him slide. I don't know what the infantry have done pursuing him there is a rumor that they captured his train and a large number of prisoners but rumors are not reliable and it is not credited here. I am sorry that money has not come to light yet the only way I can account for it is that it was sent by express & must have stopped at Green Bay. I sent about 1800 dollars belonging to Co E by Mr. Williams at the same time all of which has been heard from father had better write to the express agent at Green Bay or the end of the express line where he may be and also to Mr. Williams Ohio State Pay Agent Columbus and if that fails I suppose we will have to let the money slide. I intended one hundred dollars of that for you for pin money but if it is lost or miscarried you will have to be content with the fifty remaining in fathers hands which you are entirely welcome to as I can get along very well without it whether the rest comes to light or not, there is another four months pay due me the 1st of this month amounting to $448.00 And that will do for all the wants that I know of at present. We are all well— I have four big musters rolls to make out yet besides lots of other writing to do

So Good Bye

Ed

P. S. Those comes came to hand and were very acceptable, every morning they straighten out the kinks on the heads of both your humble servt & the redoubtable Ed E.
Marquette April 10th 1864.

Sunday Evening.

Dear Ed:

I've hardly had a letter from you for more than a week; I shall feel even as bad, I almost marvel, if I don't get one tomorrow. I hardly know what I shall find to fill a letter with.

Today, news has very scarce nowadays, the snow is going very fast indeed, but the bay is still ice-bound, though the ice isn't strong enough to bear a man's weight on it. The Captain of the Propeller Dubuque (which has been lying at Portage all winter) went through Marquette on his way after the boat X said he would have
the town there in five days but do believe that he can get through the ice in less than three a week. We are making some large changes in the house this spring. As inside, I can't tell yet exactly what is to be done but know that Mr. Shall have more kitchen & dining room anything, which last is very much needed here in summer. Wilber Campbell is fixing up his house (the one Gilbert builds) ready to take his wife to it in the spring, think of Wilber's being a married man, he was invited one to take tea with them just as soon as they get settled to eat peaches & cream, I hope you'll come home in time to go with him.

Johnny Oldott (do you know him?) has bought Harrison Jackson's lot next to Wilbe's place it is going to build on it. Charly Johnson has commenced
ed a house for himself on the same lot that Anthrose Campbell lives on.

Mr. Frederic Johnson, I hear, has

lately bought the house of the Cleveland

Company's opposite Dr. Hewitt's,

to be opened as a cost of

store or warehouse for Mr. Brown.

Rae," Mr. Melanore has bought

the lot next to us & also the

paddock end of our lot belonging

to Roberts & is turning the old

Carpenter's shop into a dwelling

house. Mrs. Phelps is going

into it as soon as it is

done. Land & tents averse.

were so high here before,

S houses & all averse enough.

I wish that you could have

built on a front to your house

as a year or 20 age, it would

have last brought you in such

good rent now, but it

costs a fortune to build any
Kind of a home nowdays. Better is, 65 cents everything else
in proportion. It is a meal article here now. So is fresh beef, 20 cents.
We get along nicely having plenty
of fresh eggs.

I should have sent
you some papers or books, but
was afraid that you would
have moved before this time.
We are all just getting one
new speech color I have given
up hearing "Coughing Concerto"
that one. I have held for a week or
so. I must leave this for
tonight. Hoping that the East may
bring me something in the way
of news to write tomorrow.
People have commenced the
usual summer frolicking on the lake. The boats, etc., have pleasant
weather. Tuesday the Mike Gaffney has rented
his house to Raupeman. What a delightful
Dear Sir,

Just finished the purchases and proceeded to write while the particulars are fresh in my mind.

had to hunt over half the city to find the better every body wanted 50 x 2 cents and but few had it by the time at that. Next thing was the window curtains tried several stores had them laid out in the cheapest Approx $ & Co. paid for them then went to towns & Sheldons

picked out the prints could have got cheaper ones but though these would set off the other stock best don't see how you can sell them a 20 at's though I went up
stairs to see their ribbons but found the assortment small & didn't take any saw their stock of straw goods and bought a few for example as I thought them cheap I found they had window paper there at 40 cts per roll if you need any more you can order I got the yellow roll of stuff in place of the Holland which is very scarce & high $4.00 had none and I had no money enough to buy elsewhere came to look at the linen & saw forgotten the lace will go out & in what I can do. Found it at Fairbairn's got all he had don't know whether it is the kind or not pretty high also found a nice stuff 45 cts which will do just as well as the linen
and cost only half as much
will have it put in with the
window curtain.

I haven't any in debt any
so I had money enough if
my own to pay for it; so
you had better put down
the amount somewhere
for future difference
(67.24) in the form which will
be better than than with me
as I will have to be less
extravagant if I haven't
I to spend? By the way
I was at the Adjutant
General's office this morn
ning and found I had
help promote a step to
When you write you can
Address
Cpl. Col. M. Watson
P.S. We leave to night, they
will leave inside ten days
Detroit May 30/64

Dear Sir

Just finished the purchases and proceed to write while the particulars are fresh in my mind. Had to hunt over half the city to find the butter — everybody wanted 30 or 31 cents and but few had it by the bag at that. Next thing was the window curtains, tried several stores had them laid out in the cheapest way & Co. paid for them then went to Town & Sheldon's picked out the prints — could have got cheaper ones but thought these would set off the other stock best — don't see how you can sell them at 25 cts though, I went up stairs to see their ribbons but found the assortment small & didn't take any. Saw their stock of straw goods and bought a few for sample as I thought they cheap, I found they had window paper there at 50 cts per roll. If you need any more you can order it. I got the 1/2 dozen rolls buff in place of the Holland which is very scarce & high S & Goldin none and I hadn't money enough to buy elsewhere come to look at the Men xx I've forgotten the lace will go out & see what I can do.

Found it at Frisch's got all he had don't know whether it's the kind or not, pretty high, also found a piece buff 45 cts which will do just as well as the linen and costs only half as much, will have it put in with the window curtain.

I haven't run in debt any as I had enough of my own to pay for it all. You had better put down the amount somewhere for future reference (867.24) is the sum which will be better than with me as I will have to be less extravagant if I haven't it to spend, by the way, I was at the adjutant general's office this morning and found I had been promoted a step so when you write you can address Capt Ed M. Watson.

P.S. We leave to night, Capt will leave inside ten days so I'm in for another campaign.
Dear Sir,

I arrived here last Friday after numerous trials to corral them. The difficult part was to make them come. I had to use my arguments to find the right solutions. Now all but one of them are here. I was on detached service, and I had been commissioned to work on some documents. I was ordered back to the regiment, and I was also able to order a general order. I was told to be patient and good luck only. I now know that it wasn't the best decision. I passed through all the safe and found my circumstances with my name, and what was better didn't get stickled for being gone so long.

I found the 3rd not furnished with horses but got quite supplied with tobacco & guns for our next getting ready to begin another campaign. I had treed to resign as it would be useless and to tell the truth I hate to quit. I have not been to see the doctors yet, but will I guess today or tomorrow if I can get some one to act as officer of the day in my place.

How did the send goods that I sent them? I did not want it sent to 4 or 500 dollars as goods went up next day from 2 to 50 a cord. I went to town yesterday to buy some goods to stay over a few indispensible and came back with the expression from the old on my pockets, but will receive some of them tomorrow from a fellow that I left before I went home. I will be
all right again so far no money in coffers
but Howard has just come in with some
quid paid full of $100 bills so we have
than every day since I've been back.
Brisk sales, sponges lettuce & had the
are brought into camp every day. I've seen just
on his which I expect we will have them
here soon. I saw him in the recent land but
I suppose she will tell you all about it.
so she said she was going up in the
next boat. I am too busy to write
much. We will have to close. Don't
soon with love

Ed
Dear Till

I arrived here last Friday after numerous hairbreadth escapes from the different Provost Marshalls, I had to tax my ingenuity to find lies enough to satisfy them all but did it finally, I was on detached service, had been recruiting & was ordered back to the regiment, I was aid to such a such a General, and goodness only knows what I wasn't but I got through all safe, and found my Commission awaiting me, and what was better didn't get scolded for being gone so long. I found the regiment furnished with horses but not yet quite supplied with sabres & guns, we are fast getting ready to begin another campaign. I haven't tried to resign as it would be useless and to tell the truth I hate to quit. I have not been to see the Doctor yet but will I guess today or tomorrow if I can get some one to act as officer of the day in my place.

How did the new goods suit? I'm sorry I didn't run in debt 4 or 500 dollars as goods went up next day from 2 to 5 cents a yard. I went to town yesterday to buy me a few indispensibles and came back with the enormous sum of ten cents in my pockets, but will receive twenty dollars it tomorrow from a fellow I left to before I went home. So I will be all right again as far as money is concerned. Lieut. Newey has just come in with a three quart pail full of Straw berries we had them every day since I've been back. Radishes, onions, lettuce & such like are brought into camp every day. I saw green peas in Cincinnati I expect we will have them here soon. I saw Pan in Cleveland but I suppose she will tell you all about it as she said she was going up on the next boat. I am too busy to write much so will have to close, write Soon With love BM
Your Father's Aug 23, 1856

Dear Mr. [Name],

Enclosed is a receipt for an amount due.

I have been in [City] today and was able to visit the new store that opened recently.

I have been busy preparing for the upcoming event and have been working on some new projects.

I hope you are doing well. Please keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
Ohio. I have seen several of our old officers who have been out of the service some time. They all encourage me to think that I can get out of C. I go to work right.

Our regiment is in an order of the same right. I have heard some skirmishing, I believe it will take about a week to reach them. I will write again as soon as I arrive.

With your good by,

Love & kiss

[Signature]

To:

[Signature]
I must say, I have seen several of our officers who have been out of the army for a long time, but all seem to be doing well. I think that if I can get out of this mess, I can go back to work. Your argument is one of the most sound and clear. I believe that a man of his ability should be promoted. The government has a need for such talents. I hope that the new Chief Member of the G.O.B. will also have the same ability. I have been hearing good things about him. Will you give me more information about him? I am looking forward to serving under him and hope you enjoy this.
Dear Till,

I have arrived this far all safe. I reported at the Provost Marshall's office this morning and was informed that the papers I had would carry me through without any trouble. I don't fear being arrested now and can go ahead with a good deal clearer conscience. I take the cars this evening at 8 o'clock and proceed to Louisville via Michigan City and Indianapolis, Ed Anthony & John O'Kief members of old Co B are here on their way home their three years having expired there will be more of them here tomorrow. Al LaFlotte was here and has gone home to Cleveland. I have seen several of our old officers who have been out of the service some time they all encourage me to think that I can get out if I go to work right.

Our regiment is in rear of Sherman right wing and have had some skirmishing, I expect it will take nearly a week to reach there, I will write again as soon as I arrive until then good Bye.

Love to all.

Em

Direct to Harristota
Go
1st Brig 1st div Cav Corps
Chicago, Sept. 5, 1856

Dear B.,

I suppose you will be surprised to hear where this is written from. As I told you, when I was taken down with the cholera two hours and for a couple of days was very sick, the city was full of officers and all that I conversed with on the subject of resigning adjutant and to leave it all without going anywhere were all the Conjecture that that was the best course that I finally said it would suit it. But there felt like a kick out of which I came back here to Chicago. Thinking I would remain until I heard.
from my father and those
at home if they were all right.
But I am still thinking that
if they should do the all right
it might be worse for me to
be so long away, I'll have
to the enjoyment of being
the comfort of you back to the
remaining so much as possible.
In person I saw Harry
Jackson yesterday, and sent
offers with him to do it. If
I am not home back
from Indianapolis but it
may make no difference
so he had been there
and I saw those
but as soon as my journey
then I believe it would
rather suffer for a
year yet them suffer in

much anxiety and have
for the past month or less
let the people of our kind
know I this of ever you
at the same. Now I ashamed
of my self, but then
not to say from the
week I went away from
the regiment. There if I cant
I will write and to you
and know if I have good luck.
I will have fifty or first
dollars left after I get there.
I leave in the train this
Monday evening and hope to be
well to my love there
by the time that a chance
so the last was the best
and I went with them
but as soon as may arrive
then I believe it would
rather suffer for a
year yet them suffer in
Dear Til

I suppose you will be surprised to see where this is written from.
So I'll tell you how it happens. I got as far south as Indianapolis when
I was taken down with the cholera Morbus and for a couple of days was
pretty sick, the city was full of officers and all that I conversed with
on the subject of resigning advised me to send it in without going my-
self. They were all so confident that that was the best way that I
finally did it and sent it off, but have felt like a fish out of water
ever since. I came back here to Chicago thinking I would remain until
I heard from my papers and then go home if they were all right. But I
can't help thinking that if they shouldn't be all right it might be
worse for me to be so long away. So I have come to the conclusion of makin-
ging my way back to the regiment as quick as possible and see tend to the
business in person. I saw Harvey Jackson yesterday and went down with him to
Mr. Platts. In sorry I turned back from Indianapolis but it may make no
difference as the road has been torn up and I may get there yet as soon
as my resignation, I believe I would rather serve a year yet than
suffer as much anxiety as I have for the past month. I wouldn't let the
people of Marquette know of this if it were you Til because I am
ashamed of it myself. I don't believe I can get any pay from the regi-
ment. But if I can't I will write and let you know if I have good luck
I will have fifty or sixty dollars left after I get there. I leave on
the train this evening and hope to be well on my way there by the time
this reaches you. Direct to the Reg't when you write. With love I am
Affectionately

EM
Nashville, September 17th, 1824

Dear Sir,

I hope all is well as far as Nashvill. I was here some days, and getting here from there what have been waiting here five days for the order to go on horseback where Wheeler located it. The train goes but at two this afternoon and it can travel and I go too. The air is full of bug. It must go on before I come back to the front, and the Patras will be over by the time it is all done. We have no hope, get the best in the middle of the other, now made a sketch of fortifications falling from any cause.
that is the best way to know the atmosphere. I pray you, don't mix

the constitution of that weather. It's in heaven.

Bad weather, self-denial, fruits, apples.

Rotten apples and all the

luxuries of the season

must arise in abundance

but you must believe it

without anyone to say cider is a

quarter for breakfast "frightened"

one away from these and

indication come to hunt up

a private boarding house,

where I paid a good deal

better though at two dollars

day to the resoration

I wrote to you. I

whether you returned here

with the mail should go to

Brother and if I get off

to day I may get the

Regiment letter. I hope

I will not have too much a

preparation if I can

help it. Dinner is not

made and all the house

is full. We will have

Brother.
Dear Till

I have got as far as Nashville. I was three days in getting here from Chicago and have been waiting here five days for the road to be repaired where Wheeler destroyed it, the train goes out at two this afternoon and if I can crowd in I go too. The city is full of officers & men going to the front and the trains will be over flowed. It is awful warm here, the blot in the middle of the sheet was made by a drop of perspiration falling from my nose. That is the best way I know of describing the conditions of the weather. Water Melons, Peaches, apples, Sweet Potatoes and all the luxuries of the season are here in abundance but you better believe it takes money to buy cider here. I went to the Hotel when I first came but a dollar & a quarter for breakfast frightened me away from there and induced me to hunt up a private boarding house where I find a good deal better board at two dollars a day. The resignation I sent in from Indianapolis was detained here with the mail until yesterday and if I get off to day I may get to the regiment first yet I hope I will for I want leave on such a resignation if I can help it. Dinner is not ready and as the house is full I will have to quit in order that I may be on hand for the first table. Health is good, Mind easy, Love to all

Brother Ed
Dear Mr. Lincoln's Secretary,

I think your plan is a very good one and will work well. I hope you will write as you have done, and as much as possible, though I believe you would be more honest. I have no wish to be the teacher of any of the laws, which I am sure you will do in time to live and profit from. I will not miss you. I want you back, to feel the joy of doing good, to see the world and to be happy with all. I want you to see, to be, and to feel as I have been.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Miss Hamilton, 

I am a great fan of your work and wish to express my gratitude and appreciation for your kindness. It is a pleasure to work with individuals of your caliber.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Confidential
Dear Will. Privately & confidentially I think Kieran is a first rate fellow and will suit me just two hundred and twenty seven and a half times better than to have you live your life out an old maid, though I believe you would do honor to the class still I have no wish to be the brother of one after she turns thirty. I suppose you will go to Portage to live and perhaps when I get out of the service I will set up business there to, but I wont look too far ahead. Don't have any hesititation in using the money. I know you will have need of some and I can afford to give it to you a great deal better than father can, and remember it is my last chance. I hope the rest will arive time enough for you to have the whole 100 for if goods are as high there as I have heard they are east it won't go far and I shouldn't want my sister to want for dry goods on such an occasion. Give my respects to M. Love to yourself and consider that you have the hearty approval of

Your affectionate

Brother

Ed

[On back of letter]

CONFIDENTIAL
Dear Tol, Privately & confidentially I think Kiram is a first rate fellow and will suit me just two hundred and twenty seven and a half times better than to have you live your life out an old maid, though I believe you would do honor to the class still I have no wish to be the brother of one after she turns thirty. I suppose you will go to Portage to live and perhaps when I get out of the service I will set up business there to, but I won't look too far ahead. Don't have any hesitation in using the money. I know you will have need of some and I can afford to give it to you a great deal better than father can, and remember it is my last chance. I hope the rest will arise time enough for you to have the whole 100 if goods are as high there as I have heard they are east it won't go far and I shouldn't want my sister to want for dry goods on such an occasion. Give my respects to Hi. Love to yourself and consider that you have the hearty approval of

Your affectionate,
Brother
Ed

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