Edwin Benton
Correspondence
1861-1862
Jefferson July
Sept. 28
1861

My Dear Brother,

It is a very long time since I have written a letter of any kind. I hardly know what to write. I am now in the U.S. Army for 3 years. I like it very well so far. I am in Capt. W. W. Parr's 3rd from left. I was in the Northwest in the first outfit. Rifle Regiment. We have the best of arms that is folks. Revolving Riffle & Barrels. We are a very well drilled if so far about.
I was in Chicago at the
hame of the State Fair
Knight, mail - word by
Henry Lewis to bill you
to come and see me befor
I went away. I do not
know whether you read
it or not. I am in better
health than I ever was
before. I enlisted the 13th
May we started in St. Louis
20 or 2 days the same where
we stayed was called Camp,
Benton. We are now quar-
tered in the Capitol build-
ing here it was taken from
the enemy a short time
ago. We expect to move
farther West - in a few days
we may go at any moment
we expect to go to Georgia.
Gen. - it is a place
near Lexington our

Breeds are our centering
there. The enemy occupy
Lexington and Richlond.
there will be a great
battle near there very
our captain says the
only thing he is afraid
of is not will have a
chance to be there, but
I think we need not be af-
said for we have the
best arms in the Con-
try. The State building
looks very bad it has
been used as long as a barracks
for soldiers. The rebels took
away every of value from
it. We live very plain.
we have nothing but hard
bread & a little meat.
Rice & coffee. Some of
us look rather hard but

Colored Paper    Light Pencil
I feel as well as I ever did excepting that I feel a little lame at times from drilling and marching about so much. We usually drill about 7 hours out of a day. We march a half a mile to our meals by the side of the River. I have just received a letter from my brother Dwight which I shall answer immediately. I wish you would write me a good long letter about affairs in Coldwater. How are the children and how all well? Give my love to them all. Write soon from your affectionate son.
Jefferson City
Sept. 28, 1861

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"The bronze or copper color, the true type of civilization."

H. Greeley

Cincinnati, Nov 23

C.P. Buelon, Oy

Coldwater, Mich.
P.S. direct letters to Lona Rolla, MD.

My Dear Brother,

I have not heard from you for a long time since I have written a letter of any kind. This is the first time I have had a pen & ink in my hand to write a letter since I came into the army. I am writing this letter in a store which is carried on by Allen D. Venn, and he was very glad to see me; you may by be sure. The reason why I have not written to you was I was rather discouraged at times and had to be on duty so much that we were on guard all that was when we were in Springfield and we were ordered to march on an hour's notice towards the potomac line we were close on to Price and he was retreating very fast his army was leaving him early the next day until he had to disband them almost entirely when we were about 10 miles from Springfield we camped on Lehigh's old Puddle ground is called Wilson creek. We marched all over this round and Cain Allen wished to be remembered to you.
it was all covered with dead horses and there were the bones of men
found in many places this day before general Lee went down and
buried one of his men that was
killed in the battle we marched the next day and heard of Price's
army disbanding so we ordered to
Spring-field. Again we camped in Spring-field. I rested one day
then was the is 1 ought to have
written to you but we had
been marching hard and were
very tired. But the next morning
we received marching orders for Kolka
and therefore no mails running here so we could write nor letters
until we got here at Kolka, which was
to the 26th of the very hard marching we
have marched 25 miles in the
day then pitched our tent in a hard and
very quite a long ways to perform
suffices that marched 30 miles the
next day and so on. We rested one
day on the route. The distance is
150 or 200 miles the last day of our
march we marched 6 miles to a
stream called the postseason the
pottiest stream of water I ever saw
they said as quite fine while
when there they had made
a bridge of wagons across the
stream. It took 14 wagons to
reach using 14 ft. boards between
the ends of each wagon the whole
army then marched across in dou-
ble file very nice our intended march
then was only 7 miles farther we felt in
very good spirits to think we did not
have to ford the river as it wasn't
very deep. A common sight now
we marched off briskly but in about
2 hours it came out a heavy rain
every thing we had in was soaked
through the water just
left in valleys it did not stop to rain
down it was very muddy and our shoes
were soon full of water 4 on one of
the ground we marched 10 miles
instead of 7 an we forded one little
stream 14 times and it very muddy
that marching it grew cold towards
night and when we got to camp
I was one of the 22nd drunk and
went on fitchet before our teams came
up 4 did not eat anything until
to watch at night when I came 1 mile
back to camp. 4 posted whatever it Cost.
Two weeks ago I found some pork, flour and a little hard bread made quite a good meal. I could not find my knapsack so I had to sleep on the ground without my overcoat or blanket either and standing four hours at a time in the cold was hard work. We have 2 reliefs each stand. 2 hours on and 2 off. It is rather cold weather here now with chilly winds. Lieut. Cameron took from town last night & said, tell you have got an uncle in Rolla. He said he wanted to see you. Very much from what they said. I know it very well. Allen has been here about 2 weeks selling army clothing for a firm in St. Louis. And I do not know where we will go next. General Seigle & Webster are in St. Louis trying to get winter quarters for the men. We recruit up for a few weeks. Our lot has made a requisition on the government for clothing as we nothing but summer clothes. We will get clothes at 2 months' pay in a few days.
Dear Father,

I found a little bread and made a good meal, but I could not find any kind of shade, so I had to sleep on the ground without any carpet or blanket, cold and standing two hours at a time in the cold was hard work. We have 2 relays each stand 2 hours making 2 hours on and 4 off. It is rather cold without our old flannel. Last night it snowed hard and I had to come back from town last night as said. Ed. you have got an uncle in Rolla, he said he wanted to see you very much from what they said I knew it. When Allen has been here about 3 weeks selling army clothing to a friend in St. Louis. And general Seiglar and a certain man are in St. Louis trying to get winter quarters for the men to recruit up for a few miles we were at for clothing as we are going but now we are at, we will get clothes for 2 weeks pay in the army. This rail is likely to be remembered to,

P.S. I sent letters to Henry Rolla 14th and may go the way will be sent by November 25th.

My dear Father,

I got what their has got that is a good long while since I had written a letter of any kind. This is the first time I have had a pen & ink in my hands to write a letter since I came into the army. I am writing this letter in St. Louis, which is carried on by the Allen. I have met he was very glad to see me you may be sure. The reason why I have not written to you was I was rather discouraged at times and had to be so busy I was too much that we were in camp but that was when we went in Springfield and we were ordered to march on an hour's notice because the paroles had to be chosen to the Raids and the paroles were giving us leaving him early until he had to his hands them almost entirely when we were about 10 miles from Springfield we camped and at night and we had a drive - ground very flat and we marched all over the ground.
Dec. 12th, 1861

My Dear Father,

I received your letter with Eliza’s in it. I had just written to you a few days before and so I have put off writing to you until you would write a soon as you received my letter but as Nicholas Miller & Parmer arrived a few days ago milligan said he saw you at when he passed through Chicago he met too Dwight in the passenger house Dwight & family were well I think my letter will not have reach you I hope in it of finding cousin Allen & Bell well here. He is doing business for a firm.
in St. Louis dealing in firm clothing. We was very glad to see few & engrossed parties. Early about your & thought it would be a nice surprise to you to hear that we were here together. Cousin Emily was well when he last-heard from her. She is boarding in St. Louis. We have been there two more about 8 weeks we do not know what we shall do or what we shall go to. We are expecting to be paid off. Every day the men are non-near two months behind hand. Since I have been in the service I have never had any pay from "Cockle Corn" so you see it will be quite a treat. I enlisted on the 12th of Sept. and we will be paid for the months of Sept. & Oct. and they are so much behind.

Now that another pay day arrives in about 2 weeks they generally intend to pay us every two into Month. Regularly one of our companies has already been paid off & our turn will come soon. Our Captain to work with us but under strict. We are all anxious to see the end of this strange proceeding which we can get nothing out of our officers in regard to it. That is when it will end I will tell. Barrett said that was only every so I suppose it will be in our favor in few days will decide matters. There is some prospect of our coming back to Michigan and joining a Michigan Regiment we enlisted as an Independent Rifle Regiment, and we much rather serve under our own state than any the way of it.
We are called the 44th Illinois. Illinois gets all the credit to her self in our Regiment. There are 2 with 2 Ohio. My Companies & Captain & 1st Lt. of the Ohio Ct. are under arrest. They are confident of going back to some Ohio Regiment. The Lieutenant offered to $10.00 against $20.00 that we would be in St. Louis in less than 50 days. I hope so any way. I am sick of such a country as this. They are a very ignorant set of people.
I hope we shall not have to put the winter here. We are 2 miles out of town. I have just learned that we are to march to Rolla early tomorrow morning to get our pay. But my love to all. I wish I could be at home next Christmas so as to eat a good Christmas dinner with you. From your affectionate son, Edwin.
P.S. Cousin Allen is well and wished me to remember him to you when I wrote. Please direct letters to St. Louis me, North-western Rifle Regiment, "B" Co B, care of Capt. W.M. Barrett.

Your son Edward.
Bolila, Feb 18th

Sunday, 1862

Dear Mother,

I need your
two to know your
it. I thought a few lines
would be gladly read.

How are you? How are the children?
Am I a place to do this letter? I
wonder that you can stand it.

If father is not at home.
If possible I get things if not
get all get all of what you
can. If father is not at home
open his letter immediately on receiving
my it, I would also like I got good
fair with cloths for you letters & supplies
not cloth you can judge best.
I have not time to write.

Excuse me for thing of letter.

With all of my love, your

Colored Paper
s. affectionate have

Colored Paper
Pella Jan 23rd 1862
Mr. C.R. Benton

Dear Sir,

Your letter of engag
in relation to Edwin has come to hand.
His slurry will say, he has by the blessing of God
recently returned to usual health; straight
wise he has been in the hospital as you
suppose, but has been in the care of one
and under my care. Since New Years Day
since this 10, he has been able to take his
meals at my boarding house. And is now
apparently as well as ever, eating somewhat
for thought. Which however he is gaining rapidly.
All his wants have been supplied. Thus far
and future ones can be as cheaply supplied
here as in any other way or place. He has written
you today more particulars. I think, and I will
tell you that you need have no anxiety about
him as he will come out all right. There is no
doubt; I have talked freely with him in
relation to the danger of bad influences which
of camp life, and find him firm and determined
to resist all such. I think he will come out of this
campaign a man more useful (more). I hope
to hear from you again. Ever loy.

Rufus H. Alden Bennett

Colored Paper
Rolla, Missouri
Camp Rolla
March 18, 1862

My Dear Father,

I came up to camp last night. I am about well and am able to expect to have marched this morning as such were the orders here, but as we did not have provisions suitable to the town, I had to order a hastily good-bye to move to camp when I heard we were to march. I do not know whether we shall march or not, as there are a great many sick and others are left to take care of them. Quite a number of others will...
have to be kept in guard &c. &c. &c.

I wrote more to tell you where to direct letters than anything else as I also thought a little might also be quite acceptable even if there was not much need in it.

Those who are able expect to march tomorrow morning without fail. I have just heard that and Brant, write soon.

Those who go will march tomorrow morning. I think I shall stay as guard.

I am in 3rd Division & 2nd Brigade under General Seigel. There is a shortage of letter as most of time is. My reason I shall write 3rd letter to Dwight and the replies to them as yet & let them know where to direct letters. Don't letter to (destruction too long, can't write more).

P.S. If we have sent no money yet we do not when we shall get any. Edw. B.

From your affectionate

[Signature]

[Postage will do]
Mussville Camp Commissary
March 23rd 45
My Dear Father

I received your letter of 15th inst, about the 1st of the month & through negligence have not written sooner. From the time we left Lebanon 54 miles from here till we got into Ohio there were no mails received. In the way I have kept putting off writing letters till I got home. It was because I am not much of a letter writer. Rather I dread the task of writing and the one letter I received I wrote on the back of the mail so 2 comes with more than 1. I did try to be more prompt in writing. I wrote in that letter the rest of what I app. from this pay day 1 dec. 

$23.00
Ink Shows Through
kept advancing on the bluff, all over to the river. We still retreating, it was very near night when we got to the river. I got no sleep last night & rested for the night. We passed the Ngat, almost in the same position of the guard, the next day our regiment, supported a battery placed in a badly dangerous position during the next day, but had the good fortune to suffer very little loss. I am as well as I have been the last three weeks, & since I have been in the army I have not written from home. I ought to write that letter before I get a letter from home. I am writing this letter to you. Also, I have had plenty of food & water & the Army will not let me go further until the first of March. Give my love to all the children & to my mother & to my wife & to all. Sent to St. Louis Dec. 9th, 1864.
Transcript

Keittville(?), Cass Co. Missouri
March 29, 1862

My Dear Father

I received your letter of Feb. 9th about the last of the month & through negligence have not written an answer to it. from the time we left Lebanon 50 miles from Rolla till we got into Arkansas there were no mails carried either way. I have kept putting off writing from time to time. It was because I am not much of a letter writer & rather dread the task of writing but no one likes to receive letters or watches the mail as it comes with more interest than I do & I will try to be more prompt in future. I send in this letter the most of what I drew this pay-day I drew $26. (26) dollars I send you $25.00 I wish you would send $10.00 (10) dollars to bro. Dwight & keep the remainder yourself I send it all to you as the company all send in a body by express directed to Cold-water I will give you a little account of my money matters then you will see how it has been with me. I enlisted on the 12th of Sept. up to 1st Nov. would be 1 1/2 months all I drew for that time was $2.94 we were cheated out of our due by clothing contract. on the next pay-day I drew $26. I had to pay my board while at Rolla. I sent $13.00 to Rolla, $10.00 for board $3.00 to Cousin Allen Paid friend Brooks $5.00 Paid Butler $4.00 Paid Lieut. Vine(?). $2.50 the balance I paid other smaller debts with. Now this Pay-day I drew $26.00 & send $25 of it home the other $1.00 I have just [paid] my last debts with.

Cousin Allen acknowledged receipt of money & also said they were then packing up their things to move to Chicago & make it their home there. When you hear of any of General Seigel’s command moving, you may know that our Regmt. is also moving I have seen a little more of Soldiering since I wrote you before. We rather gave the rebels the worst of the fight in battle which we had with them. Our Regmt. went into battle the second day of the fight expecting to have some pretty rough work we ran nearly 4 miles & were drawn up in line of battle & deployed out as Skirmishers & advanced through a hollow up towards a bluff Our cannon were immediately behind us & threw shot & shell over our heads onto bluff obliging the rebels to fall back we kept advancing on the bluff & over it the Rebels still retreating. it was very near night there was very heavy firing on our Right it got so dark we halted & rested for the night we passed the night almost stones throw of the enemy the next day our Regmt. supported a battery & was placed in a pretty dangerous position during that next day but had the good luck to suffer very little loss I am well & have the best health I ever have had since I have been in the army I got 2 letters from bro. Dwight one stated that Libbie had gone home. He also said he had visited Cold-water & also Jones-ville we are now Paid up to the first of March Give my love to all the Children & Mother & tell Delia & Eliza to write. Direct to St. Louis Mo.

from your aff Son Edwin
Coldwater, July 12, 1862.

Dear Father Millard,

I have been thinking for some time of visiting you and was about to do so when Eliza and Nathaniel went to visit you. I am glad that she had an opportunity to go and if I could, I would have been pleased to have gone with her & visited you and your friends a visit. But it was not convenient for me to do so and I did not like riding in the night. We are all in excellent health and have many enjoyments for which we ought to be thankful and I think that we are so. Life is considered to be a blessing and property we had then to enjoy and we must have health and competency. How many there are in our world that have neither. How many who would gladly welcome the hour of their departure from a world of suffering. I have lived long enough to see many of the changes of life and yet I have not lived so long as you have by over twenty years.
I have seen many who started on the journey of life with myself, companions of our childhood and youth, come to the same appointed for all, the living. I have seen the smoke of many campfires, and the silent tramp of many footsteps. I have seen many dear friends pass away, some to be seen among the living, others to become memories. I've seen many, many, many who appeared robust and strong, and others who died young, their lives cut short.

But if they were prepared for their Last Great Change, what is our loss in Their gain? And why should the Woman? It is only a brief separation. We shall soon be called to meet them, and we shall have finished our labor on earth. From us shall come to swell a stream of existence here, if we are prepared, to welcome the "grim messenger," death, if it is to us as it is to them, and be always ready.

The news from Richmond in regard to the war which is devastating our country will carry sorrow to thousands of families throughout the length and breadth of our land. Our armies have had a severe contest with the enemy. The battle of Gettysburg and the subsequent battle of Antietam have been hard-fought, thousands have fallen.

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The first Michigan regiment had a severe time of it and came back quite a number of men who were killed on the field of battle. In my case, I was one of the number reported to have been killed. I wish for your sake, that I could believe the report sent in the驿信车 of yesterday, as is published in a letter from the chaplain of the regiment.

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know all we can of the scenes and scenes that are passed in the world. I hope you will agree to the Lord's way of the Lord, and that he may prosper, blessed be the name of the Lord. You must not grieve over this event more than you can help. It is your duty to be as resigned as possible under this affliction. I am sure you know when to go and when to stay. I would not have you give up your name. We sorrow most as those who have no hope. Our brother was engaged in a righteous cause, devoting his life and services to sustain the liberties of his country. He fell in the discharge of his duty. He was a noble and a brave man, and a good son and a good father. We shall miss him very much. We shall miss his cheerful face at the fireside. We shall miss him every where we see him and more on earth. And the world to us will be more lonesome without him. But we shall soon follow him, and then our friends, who are left behind, will feel the same sorrow for us. Thus it ever is in this world. The ever changing scenes.
of time and the restless hand of death are ever busy and the tide of population seems onward to and the dark valley, I am now here will come to bid adieu to the scenes of earth.

Eliza would write to you a letter yesterday but feels so sad that she cannot do it now, she will write as soon as she is able. Our first thought was to write you all myself convey the unwelcome intelligence but we could not conveniently do so. Father came out and see us. Come next week, come right along. Never mind the work let some one else take care of it. Don't think yourself up alone. Come over this sad event. As it is best. Remember that our duty is to submit to the will of Him who does all things for the best. Eliza and our children send love to you and all our friends.

Remember one to the other.

From your son,

[George P. Benton]
Transcript

Coldwater
July 11, 1862

Dear Father Millard,

I have been thinking for some time of writing to you and was about to do so when Eliza and Nathaniel went to visit you. I am glad that she had an opportunity to go and if I could I would have been pleased to have gone with her & made you and our friends a visit. But it was not convenient for me to do so and I did not like riding in the night. We are all in usual health and have many enjoyments for which we ought to be thankful and I think that we are so. Life is considered to be a blessing and properly so but then to enjoy life we must have health and competence. How many there are in our world that have neither. How many who would gladly welcome the hour of their departure from a world of suffering. I have lived long enough to see many of the changes of life and yet I have not lived so long as you have by more than twenty years. I have seen many who started on the journey of life with myself companions of my childhood and youth borne to the house appointed for all the living. I have seen the wife of my early days laid in the silent tomb. I have followed dearly beloved children to the grave. I have seen many dear friends pass away no more to be seen among the living. I have also seen very many who appeared robust and strong & who bid fair to outlive older persons cut down in the prime of life and suddenly called to part with the loved ones of earth who are left to mourn their untimely departure. But if they were prepared for their last & great change, what is our loss is their gain. And why should we mourn. It is only a brief separation. We shall soon be called to meet them. Soon we shall have finished our labor on earth. Soon we shall cease to toil & struggle for existence here and if we are prepared to welcome the “grim messenger” death, it matters not to us how soon our time shall arrive. Let us then so live as to be always ready. The news from Richmond in regard to the war which is desolating our country will carry sorrow to thousands of families throughout the length and breadth of our land. Our armies have had a severe contest with the enemy that lasted for about 8 days and thousands have fallen thousands are wounded & mutilated & many others are taken prisoners. The rebels suffered as severely & more so than our troops. The first Michigan regiment had a severe time of it and have lost quite a number of men who were killed on the field of battle. Our dear Luther was one of the number reported to have been killed. I wish for your sake that I could disbelieve the report but in the Detroit Advertiser of yesterday is published a letter from the chaplain of the regiment A. Edwards Jr. who writes that they had 29 killed 97 wounded & 28 missing in the battle of June 27 on Friday just two weeks ago to day. I have no particulars as Mr Edwards gave none in relation to those who fell in battle but I shall write to him and make inquiries about the circumstances so as to know all we can of the heart rending scene. Now father, I hope you will say “The Lord gave & the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.” You must not grieve over this event more than you can help. It is your duty to be as resigned as possible under this afflictive dispensation. You know where to go for strength to help in every time of need. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. Our Luther was engaged in a righteous cause devoting his life & services to sustain the liberties of his country & he fell in the discharge of his duty. He was a noble and a brave as well as a good son and we need not grieve for him. We shall miss him.
very much. We shall miss his cheerful face at the fireside. We shall miss him everywhere & see him no more on earth and the world to us will be more lonesome without him but we shall soon follow him and then our friends who are left behind will feel the same sorrow for us. Thus it ever is in this world. The ever changing scenes of time and the resistless hand of death are ever busy and the tide of population passes onward toward the dark valley & soon our turn will come to bid adieu to the scenes of earth.

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from your Son
C P Benton
[Corydon P. Benton]
Summer 1862 Rienzi, Miss.

Rienzi Metropolitan

Majr.

My Dear Brother,

I received your letter all safe. I wrote you a short letter this other day in answer to the one you got from me. I say in which you gave me some very good advice. I was very glad to hear from you. I neglected answering it longer than I ought. I am in the best of health, I do not know when I have been in so good health in my life. But I shall be as careful of my health as possible for I may be.
With any day but I have
cannot be too careful.

It is pretty warm weather here just now the men for the
most part stand at the
well I see that presi-

dent has called for
more volunteers I feel
sorry for any who have
to come through

now no assigned to

survive life at this

It will be the sure
death of many a soldier
there are quite a number

of cases even among the
soldiers who have seen
such service it are well

long for to exposures

hardships but still I

think we stand it very

Well for such a large

army we arrived

there just before the

examination of. All the

Eugene A. Thonson of

of the nephew of judge

was very. I think I

learned a number in my

last letter. You said

John Snails had got

home. I wish you would

remember me to him.
The village in which

and are now encamp

was once a small thing

place but since the

war it has become

almost deserted there are,
but few families

are now. I am quite

a pretty place & the country

around it. But one great
I am glad to hear that the children are improving. I hope to write you soon. I am sure we shall be able to send off in a few days. I have just received a letter of 26th June from Maud. I wrote him today. I wish you would send me some magazines if you can. I am able to get none. Very much news from France. We are in our camp. It is not very easy to get any food here. Remember me to all friends. A big love to all from your affectionate sister. 

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Rienzi, Miss. Aug. 8, 1862

My Dear Father,

I received your letter of the 22d of July and was very glad to hear from you. I got some papers in it. I believe there were 4 of them. I thank you very much for them. I received some papers from you, one of them was a Wisconsin paper. You got them the same mail. We get daily papers almost every other day. We get them later than you.
be sent to us. I am in we went out to drill, at the best of health. I half past five o'clock in the morning my the morning escaped life. It is awful warm the heat of the day we weather here at this time have dropped through every even while I am writing. I wish to note shall have a photograph taken for me. We have of the Company quarters made quite a long stay here. 100 or 110 of the shall stay but I think not to have signed the paper long it is a very pleasant so as I think we shall place & I like it very much have it. I hope oil that we are all very happy here. You spoke of a meeting we are drills pretty of Citizens in the County of... This month of having a small meeting we had a brigade there soon. One of our boys drill our whole Brigade had a cold water ffle waa out that is 3 Reps. with an account of it...
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To have my journey so very long.

Brave us the storm the old friend

and I, and love. Anderson is in

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for instance one of men has been promoted to the rank of a private and none of the others. That is but few of them like as an officer. He is in the front line in Jackson. Since he has been acting Corporal for some time back the colonel would not sanction it on account of the amount of Kivalis duty we have to do. I myself do not like Lieut. Andrews as an officer or man neither one do feel very much above the men and cannot get the good will of them as he ought to have. I wish you would write me more particular
Rienzi, Miss.
Aug. 8, 1862

My Dear Father

I received your letter of the 27th of July and was very glad to hear from you. I got some stamps in it. I believe there were 4 of them. I thank you very much for them. I received some papers from you. One of them was a Wisconsin paper. I got them the same mail. We get daily Paper about every other day. We get them later than can be sent to us. I am in the best of health. I never enjoyed better in my life. It is awful warm weather here at this time. Even while I am writing the sweat rolls off from me. We have made quite a long stay in this little town. I do not know how longer we shall stay but I think not long. It is a very pleasant place. I like it very much. We are well fortified here. We are drilling pretty often. This morning we had a brigade drill. Our whole Brigade was out that is 3 Regts. We went out to drill at half past five o'clock in the morning to escape the heat of the day. We have dress Parade every evening. I think we shall have a Photograph of the Company & quarters taken soon. It cost each one who wishes a Picture $1.00 each. About 40 of the Co. have signed the paper so I think we shall have it. I hope so at least. You spoke of a meeting of Citizens in the County & of having a mass meeting soon. One of our boys had a Cold-water Paper with an account of it. I have not seen it. I just saw your name as one of the Committee. You spoke of Dwight. You had not heard from him very lately I believe. I wrote him last which was some time ago. I always feel anxious about him when I do not hear from him. I think I shall hear soon. I shall not wait to hear from him before I write. I like your plan of writing at different times so that a Person may look for letters almost any mail. I have neglected answering your letter several days on account of hot weather & duties which I had to Perform when I wished most to write you. I shall write to Cousin Allen by same mail. I do not know what to make of our not having received our pay before now. I hardly know when we shall get it. It may be possible it may be delayed still another 2 months but I hope not.

Captain Barrett is now acting Lieut. Colonel of the Regiment and Lieut. Andrews is in command of the Co. But his health is very poor. He does not take any active part just at present. It devolves upon Lieut. Parker who is a general favorite with us all. He shows no Partiality to any one. He serves all alike & does every thing he can for the benefit of the Company. We have had considerable jangling (?) among us as a Co. to see who should rule in the Co. Those who have been with the Co. since we left Rolla or those who have been in hospitals & pretending to be sick or others who will do no duty & still think they have as much to say as any one. There are always more or less bad characters in a Co. of Soldiers for instance one of men has been promoted by Capt. Barrett whom none of the others that is but fear of them like as an officer that is Peckham who served his time in Jackson State Prison. He has been acting Corporal for some time back. The Colonel would not sanction it on acct. of the amount of Privates duty we have to do. I myself do not like Lieut. Andrews as an officer or man neither one. He feels very much above the men and cannot get the good will of them as he ought to have. I wish you would write me more. Particularly in regard to your affairs. Give love to all. Mother Sisters & brother Frank also to all friends.

Your Son, Edwin
[Aug. 19, 1862]

Rienzi, N.Y.

Tuesday, May 18, 1862

My dear father,

I received your letter and glad to hear from you and knew you were all well. I think you must not have received my last letter when you wrote this. I am glad to see the people of Boston return and so enthusiastically in favor of the crushing of this rebellion. I was a piece of luck in a calender paper and sent to the Brecks which gave me a full account of what was and had been done at home. I want...
In my present condition, I was brought to a successful termination as quickly as possible. I have seen quite enough of the effects of war, and although I shall never be tired of doing my duty when my mind tells me it will be much better, peace and Plenty, and a happy people, improving in all things, those in the situation we are now in. I shall be glad when we have a forward movement from all directions. It will then be more sublime than doing something. We have had opportunities of an attack at the 26th, 27th, 28th, 4
4th July, 1862.

Believe there are 3 1/2 prisoners here. 2nd Michigan cavalry & 12th New York infantry are good soldiers. I heard from Dought in the 3rd last. He was well and getting on in his work. He writes me he had had more or less trouble with his eyes since I had left him and was very unhappy. I feel sorry for him.

Know he is not so much to blame as his wife who is altogether to thoughts of the suffering of those around her. If you do not hear from him soon I do wish you would write him a good long letter. He is very anxious to hear from me, I shall write him often them.

June 20, 1862.

...can before I think I am sure the least. So we had for along. We are drilling every day. We drill in a company mostly as skirmishers. The Health Line Parker in commanding the company, Capt. Marshall is in charge and the Captain is under charge of the major. The Colonel is under charge of the staff. The major has been sick and is a little better. The command is in the command line which is sad. Marshall the summer is fast passing away and I am waiting anxiously to...
As we go more forward, every day brings us so much further in debt. But we shall have to pay the price of it when we do more here for the good of the country, but that is what a soldier must expect. It does not discourage me at all. I shall always be found at my post no matter what happens. I am glad if the people are taking hold of this thing with energy. I like to see actions come as words. Let a man show by his actions that he means what he says. Remember me to friends, love to all. From your affectionate.
Rienzi, Miss.
Tuesday, [Aug.] 19, 1862

My Dear Father

I received your letter and Eliza’s the 16th. I was glad to hear from you and know you were all well. I think you must not have received my last letter when you wrote this. I am glad to see the people of Branch Co. turn out so enthusiastically in favor of the crushing of this rebellion. I saw a piece clipt from a Coldwater Paper and sent to Ira Brooks which gave me a full account of what was and had been done at home. I want to see this war brought to a successful termination as speedily as possible. I have seen quite enough of the effects of war and although I shall never be tired of doing my duty when my country calls yet I would much rather see peace and plenty and a happy people improving in all things than in the situation we are now in. I shall be glad when we have a forward move-ment from all directions it will then seem more like doing some thing. We have had apprehensions of an attack on us here but I do not know whether there was any foundation for the alarm or not. We could stand quite a charge as we are pretty well fortified and there are plenty of troops behind us only 16 miles distant at Corinth. we have taken off our guns out of the fortifications back out of sight so the rebels may perhaps think we are not prepared for them. we send out reserve guards every night. we intend to have no more Pittsburg surprises here. we have but one brigade here now. It is now composed of the 36 Ill. 44 Ill. & 9th Ill. I believe there are 3rd here 2d Michigan Cavalry & the Kansas who are good soldiers. I heard from Dwight on the 27th last he was well and in a fair way of doing in his business. He wrote me he had had more or less trouble with Libbie since I had left him and was very unhappy I feel sorry for him. I know he is not so much to blame as his wife she is altogether too thoughtless of the happiness of those around her. If you do not hear from him soon I do wish you would write him a good long letter. He is very anxious to hear from me I shall write him oftener than ever before I think we now have the best Co. we have had for a long time we are drilling every day. We drill in a Company mostly as skirmishers Lieut. Andrews has handed in his resignation on account of ill health Lieut. Parker is commanding the Company Capt. Barrett is in command of the Regmt. Our Colonel is under arrest & our lieut. Col. has resigned & our major has been court martialed so the command devolves on the oldest commissioned Captain which is Capt. Barrett the summer is fast passing away and I am waiting anxiously to see our forces move forward every day brings us so much farther in debt. But we shall see a rough time of it when we do move here for Miss. is a low marshy country but that is what a soldier must expect. It does not discourage me at all. I shall always be found at my Post no matter where I am placed. I am glad the people are taking hold of this thing with energy. I like to see actions as well as words. Let a man show by his actions that he means what he says. Remember me to all friends. Give love to all.

from your affectionate Son Edwin

I got a comical Picture of bro. Dwight as a “Home guard” or “the bold boy”.

Edwin
Corinth, Miss.  Sept. 6, 1862

Dear father,

I write you a line or two to let you know I am well. I have neglected writing longer than I intended. I write only a few lines as we are laying on camp to camp.

We have marched 14 or 16 miles today from Bringe. We do not know where we are bound for as yet. We shall go to Columbus, Ky., or Virginia. We shall have winter work before this. We may go to Cincinnati. Ohio, and

Discolored Paper
my pick'm also send
$16. or 10 Dollars I
have not been to
mile more just miss
her love in all
from your affectionate
son. Edward

Toist kiss an
usual
exercise writing

We shall return at 3 o'clock to

mornin' writing
Corinth, Miss.
[Sept.?] 6, 1862
Saturday evening

Dear father,

I write you line or two to let you know I am well. I have neglected writing longer than I intended. I write only a few lines as we are laying in temporary camp 1/2 mile from this place we have marched 14 or 16 miles to-day from Rienzi we do not know where we are bound for as yet we shall go to Columbus, Ky. or Virginia we shall have warm work before long. we may go to Cincinnati Ohio I send my Picture I also send $10.00 10 Dollars I have not time to write more just now. Give love to all from your affectionate Son. Edwin

Direct letters as usual
excuse writing
we start on cars at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning
Dear Father, Oct. 16th

I received your letter of the 2d inst. and the 3d or 4th we have been quite busy since then & I have not had much chance to write you since I could have sent a letter once or twice but did not have it ready there have been no regular mails until now since we left home.

Is that I am in good health & I am well pleased with late movements of our men. It looks more like doing something to the point.
You have probably run the first to open the ball
an account of the battle we went into the fight
which we had at Beringe intending to make the
villagers was some see each dance & one
very hard fighting done did make them. Some
that the two regiments of them fought well
which were with us did we supported the 2
the fire like old veterans. And early in the morning
troops our regiment was when they lost some
very lucky & supported all 3 0 men we were about
toss some 92 wounded 6 or 7 rods behind them
4 042 killed one of our this balls came thick
bys were wounded in & fast but our men
the hand shyness from 2 or came right up to the
4 wounded in the next sergeant & stood the
company one sergeant whoof leader bullets
through the thigh. you like true Britons cannon
will see a full coel. balls are rather unplea-

tiful before you return them visitors but still we
this two regiments & stood them. I was with
the 2 & my. were almost cousin albeit when
he got your letter. I got mine the night before I saw him. He was in Louisville yesterday & Albert, Helmick & Wildey, Monroe & Lt. Church. They were all well. I shall try to see them today. Mother is to hire as mother of the sick. I have not time to write more at present. Write to Wright & tell him to know how I am. We left our knapsack & writing materials at Louisville. I was glad to get envelopes with stamps on all directed. Thank you very much. Be sure to all & write soon. We have not had any since we left my. We in Maj. Shepard's division 11th division 21st brigade. Louisville Ky. Army of Ky. Yours afs. son Edward.
Transcript

Camp near Crab Orchard
Crab Orchard Co., Ky.
Oct. 16th [1862]

Dear Father,

I received your letter of the 30th inst. the 3d or 4th. We have been quite busy since then & I have not had much chance to write you since I could have sent a letter once or twice but did not have it ready there have been no regular mails until now since we left Louisville I am in good health & I am well pleased with late move-ments of our men. It looks more like doing something to the Point. You have probably seen an account of the battle which we had at Perrysville there was some very hard fighting done there the new regiments which were with us stood the fire like old veteran troops Our regiment was very lucky & suffered small loss some 12 wounded & 1 or 2 killed one of our boys was wounded in the hand there were 3 or 4 wounded in the next company one sargent through the thigh. You will see a full acct. of it before you receive this our regiment & the 2d Mo. were almost the first to open the ball we went into the fight intending to make the seccesh dance & we did make them. Some of them fought well we supported the 2d Mo. early in the morning when they lost some 50 men we were about 6 or 7 rods behind them the balls came thick & fast but our men came right up to the scratch & stood the whiz of leaden bullets like true britons Cannon balls are rather unpleasant visitors but still we stand them. I was with Cousin Albert when he got your letter. I got mine the night before I saw him. I saw Cousin yesterday & Albert Shelmire & Willie Moseley & Lieut. Church they were all well. I shall try & see them today. Watson is here as sutler of the 88 Ill. I have not time to write more at present. Write to Dwight & let him know how I am we left our knapsacks & writing materials at Louisville. I was glad to get envelopes with stamps on & all directed thank you very much. Give love to all & write soon. we have rec’d no pay since we left Miss. we in Gen. Sheridan’s divission 11 divission 33 brigade Louisville Ky Army of Ky.

Your aff son Edwin

I just learned where Cousin is the Battery is about 40 rods from our camp we laying still today

Ed

Tell the girls to write I will write again soon.
Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 13th

My Dear Father,

I received your welcome letter of the 21st of Oct, today, and made up my mind to sit down immediately and answer it so you might know I was well and still doing my duty little a man though I hardly have the stature or years of one quite yet, but I am not neither discouraged nor lacking of some daily doing a true & noble if not great one perhaps I am rather anyone in my hopes but I want to be an ornament to...
Dear Father,

I received your welcome letter of the 3rd of Oct. today and made up my mind to sit down immediately and answer it so you might know I was well and still doing my duty little a man though I hardly have the stature or years of one quite yet but I am neither discouraged nor afraid of some day being a fine and noble of not greatest perhaps I am rather secure in my hopes but I want to be an ornament.
to society is an honor to friends and relatives. I shall try and be careful in my habits and not inquire any which I should be ashamed of in after life. I am sorry to hear of the death of Young Moore, he had every advantage which one could have to become a convenient and useful member of society. I feel sorry for the family it is a hard blow to them, and Mrs. Moore is one who thought much of his family, particularly his boys. I did not see Mr. Williams in Albert, as I expected to. I came one portion of Bulling but he was with the others. I shall write when we were a body of men at Petersburg. We did our duty amidst the unpleasant whiskying of Butler's solid shot. It still which came around us seeming almost to say "(where is he) where is he?" we are all unanimous in condemning Bull as a traitor worse than old Bragg himself. I see I was mistaken in the amount I sent you, I was very forgetful to let it slip. My memory is weak. I shall give a good account of myself when I do get my pay. I shall send all I possibly spare and deny myself a good deal for I want to save all I can for the future.
we have been quite disappoint-
ent in not having read our
pay before, but we still hope
to see the six months settlement
of clothing & trowsers back by
very soon. Br. Dwight wrote me
of his intention of going to
SARS. I hardly know what
to think of it but hope for
the best. I write him from
Santee from the same time. I
write you. I read this last
the morning we left that place.
This place & country was once
a beautiful country but it
looks bad at present. I have
not been out of camp except
go on Picket once since we
came we are tied down
rather closely now.

we arrived here 2nd of Nov.
we are camped in some low
lawn full of weeds high up
day and get it cleaned up &
think it very pleasant we
use water from the Cumbland
which runs near. It is about
1 mile to my across Penleon-
bridge. I saw William Hollings
be inquired particularly about
I cannot think of much
which will interest you.
I read your letter to him
I think I have read all you
have written. I hardly think
I should get them if you
were to send. I would like
you to send some pieces &
scraps in your letter if not
so much trouble we are all
enjoying good health & & brooks & champer around.
Remember me to all friends
John Smalls in particular
with love to all
yourself best.

Edwin.
[Nov. 30, 1862]

Owensville, Pike Co.
7 miles from Nashville
Nov. 30th

My Dear Father,

I have put off writing to you longer than I meant to. We are drilling and doing considerable guard duty now. I have just signed the roll to get Pay in the morning. We do not get but 2 months' Pay. I was in hopes we should get our 4th on this Pay but it will come around all right. Uncle Sam is pretty sure to do what is right. You will write to you very soon again. In another letter I spoke of a little skirmish we had with the
rebels we had none
killed on our side it is
tought they suffered con-
siderable from our fire
we had 20 or 3 wounded
a few days before. We
had an orderly-Sargent-Shep-
at the Picket Fire while out
on Picket guard he belonged
to the 2nd Mo. Regd. I: think
are mostly Germans to good God
they said they would have
revenge on the Scenesh for
it to our Brigade
Commander (Gen. Sharper)
formerly commanding the 2nd
Mo. let them take the
lead in the skirmish
a portion of our Co.
skirmished through
a cornfield on our way
back to camp when our
bugle save a man dead
in the field he had
no arms but he took
a cartridge out of his
Pocket which was enough
to satisfy us what he
was or what he had been.
In one of your former
letters you spoke of Mr
Smith & asked where he
was we left him at
the General Hospital
at Jackson Miss. on our
Way to Cincinnati & Self;
Our Co. are doing well
Lient. Parker has been
his Commission as a
Lient. Lient. Andrews is
at Louis ville on light
duty & I trust will not
be with us for some
time to come, I do
not think him a bit
able Person to command a Co. we are glad to have Lieut. Parker do well for we all like him very much. He has been a sergeant only before this and liable to be removed at any time and I am very glad he has got his commission. I have received 2 different packages of papers from you and was very glad to get them and thank you very much for sending them. I can not write more at present. Write soon. Love to all. Write soon. (
Don't delay)
(Delivering yourself) S.V. Edmund.
448K. Nashville, Tenn.
Camp near Laramie 7 miles from Laramie
Dec 8th 1861
P. S. Dear Eliza I send you a check on Laramie (I think) for 20 Dollars $200 you will have to get your
debts before you get this I have wrote you at
home on the 30th now I have since then received a
dispatch from militia Detach & Stile with a few lines
from you I was glad to hear from home I wrote to
Mrs. Dwight at Helena this fall I shall write to him soon again we received but two months ago
as I expected it would be for the
months of July & August I have just been intermitting here to go and drill at Company Drill which we like very much as we go by the Bugle Calls entirely in set as skirmishers. we have Company Drill every day from 9 til 10 O'lock. Drills Parade at 10 O'lock. Battalion Drill from 2 til 4 O'lock. The nights are very cold here now it is very cool until late in the morning when the sun gets up quite a way it is very warm, very comfortable I am told we shall get enough blankets before they move up for the Post marches we have had some time back. I would like to have sent you more money but I had some little debts contracted in the last 3 months which I had to pay, we do not know when we shall receive our pay again I hope it will not be a great while. I have made up my mind to save my money & if I come out of this unsentimental Rebellion of Political Intrigue against the Government I will then be able to get a good education or engage in some kind of business with great deal better prospects before one than those I had spent all my earnings probably without any resource to the future. I have just come in from Battalion Drill so you can see how much time I get for writing letters. We have
started our arms out in front of the tent as we went on him.

At 8 and 9 o'clock I cannot write more at present
as I shall not have much more time to eat my
supper before we are called to fall in. I have just got
a letter from Bro. Dwight by mail today. I will write
to Sis. Betie & Eliz. soon. Bro. Dwight wrote me from the
tent. And Remember me to all friends. we wish none
to eat but great & wholesome

I am your affectionately

Don E[drum]
Comanche Mounted with Capt. Jefries
Friend Benton as I have informed my wife to open and you brother J. H. Benton to inform you of the death of Edwin H. Benton which occurred of the 21st day of Dec. in theNavy. Let me state Mr. Benton knew John M. Bell a little before by an incident of a ball in the side about 9 in the morning was an excellent officer and will be missed by everyone that knew him in the Army (his Rest & Company especially) I think you wish to take care of Capt. H. F. Knepper A.C. 1st Com. Com. 13 H. I'll just say that Capt. H. B. Pettit Camp 3 Regt. Mt. Ophir. Lyon.
Comanche, Indian chief, died in 1873. He was a friend of mine, and I am very sad to learn of his death. He was a great leader and a brave warrior. His passing is a great loss to the Comanches.

Edwin R. Benton, a young man and a great friend of mine, passed away on the 13th of June. He was a kind and gentle soul, and his death is a great loss to the community.

I have been informed by a friend of Edwin's that his body was buried in the town where he lived. I wish I could have been there to see him laid to rest, but I was unable to make the journey.

I have heard that Edwin was an excellent soldier and that he was highly regarded by his fellow soldiers. I remember him as a brave and loyal friend. His memory will always remain with me.

I wish I could have been there to see Edwin's body laid to rest, but I was unable to make the journey. I hope that I will be able to return to his grave someday.
Friend Benton, as I deem it my duty to you and your brother to take my pen in hand to inform you of the death of Edwin H. Benton which of the 31st day of Dec. in the bloody battle near Murfreesboro Tenn. he fell pierced by a musket ball in the side about 9 A.M. Edwin was an excellent & brave Soldier and well beloved by every one that knew him in the army (his Regt & Company especialy). Should you wish to write me Direct to B. F. Knappen act. Lieut. Commanding Co. B 44th Ill Inft. in care of Capt. W.W. Barrett Comdg Regt. Nashville Tenn.
March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Ga." Transferred to Sixteenth Infantry April 14, 1869. Died July 1, 1879, at Fort Riley, Kan.


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