Correspondence
July-Aug. 1865
Camp near Nashville. Tenn. July 22. 1865

Dear Father,

Your letter dated June 29th was received with much pleasure about half an hour ago, and I hasten to answer it. It was just eight days over three months since I had heard a word from home, and I was very much pleased to receive it and to know that you are all well, and it is a great satisfaction to me to know where you are living. After receiving your letter dated March 20th (in which you stated that you had got to leave the house you were in and did not know where you would go) I felt quite bad not knowing where you were, or where I could find you in case I went home, but I am very glad to hear that you are doing something...
Towards a home, and whether to stay here or go home upon you shall have all the assistance that I can give you to help you make that place your own.

The Government is owing me eight months' pay, which amounts to $128.00 and $25.00 of my bounty, which will make in all $403.00. That when I get it will go quite a way towards paying for the land; but I do not know when we will get pay again. The old boys of the regiment were mustered out yesterday and expect to get their pay tomorrow, and are having not mustered for pay, which one should have done the last of June.

I will tell you a little about our regt, so you can see how we stand, when Caro. got home before it was thought that we would be put into the 2nd Mich. Div. but they cannot do it for the 63 men hold the organisation in our regt, they may transfer the
27th. To our regiment and they cannot transfer us to that. Another thing nothing but privates and noncommissioned officers were mustered out. The Officers when they were promoted were mustered for the unexpired time of the regiments that keeps them until the 28th of June. Our noncommissioned staff will probably be appointed this week. I was told last evening that my name had been sent in on a recommend but I do not know what it was for, and I would not be caught enquiring about it, for if they see fit to give me anything I will accept of it, but I would not scrape to any of them for the best position on the noncommissioned staff. It is something that I never have been known to do to contain around a shoulder strap, and I will not do it now. There are some men that
would give half their wages for a 

dagger, but I would not give a 
dollar, some of the old boys in our 
Company bought their promotions 
one of them bought a corporal 
for the small sum of two dollars.

Tell you what it is. Further there 
is no more honor in the largest 
part of our officers than there is 
among a lot of thieves; it was a 
few dollars that deprived me of 
my commission in the regular 
army, but I am thankful 
that I am out of it. For such a 
lot of officers as there were in that 
regiment I never saw before, they 
were worse than the officers of 
our own, and they are bad enough. 
There was not one officer in the 
reg't that I could like for an as-

conridered one of the best in the reg't was
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but a few nights before I left, so drunk
that he couldn't take the lead
and do dress-parade and so I had to do it.
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at any rate and I had rather live at home where I can enjoy some privileges than in the army as an officer. I have got so that I actually deplore the sight of an shoulder-strap, see the way an Lieut. Colonel got his promotion. Brig. Gen. Richardson the capturer of Jefferson Davis, I think that he ought to have been tried for murder instead of being promoted, if I had seen and thought this time, I would explain to you why I think he was guilty, for the lines that were lost in the fight with the first Wisconsin and I think that any unprejudiced person would say the same, of course none of the 4th Michigan (or but very few of them) would acknowledge that Richardson was at blame because they saved the honor of his Davis capture
Feb. 1st. Wisconsin. They suffered (from the lie that Richardson told the night before) that they were fighting Jeff Davis's body guard, while our commander knew that he was fighting the first W's and I must stop writing about that scrape and finish up any letters as it is getting dark and I want to send this in tonight.

I would very much like to come home on a furlough and have a visit with Grandmother and you all, but it would cost so much that Bob does not think I had better, and besides I think that Bob will get home for good before she goes east, that is if she stays until the latter part of the fall. One of the 95th's boys sent in for a furlough today, three of our 26th left for home on furlough yesterday and leave tomorrow if Blessing's furlow application is approved he will leave sometime this week.
I did not state in your letter whether you run in debt any more. The sum or not, or whether you had paid any or the land or not, or whom you are dealing with. Please write again soon and tell me all the particulars, and all the city news. I have not written to Emma as I intended to have done before this time but must do so and to Mother also. Does Emma go to school now and what is she studying? Do the little ones go to school, even do not know how many little things would interest me now, it having been so long since I have known the particulars about home.

Give my best respect to all inquiring friends. Tell Grandmother that I think I will be home to see her inside of three months. Good night from your son.

Frank, to this Mathew.
Dear Sister Emma,

I am very glad that you could not let Father and Mother send a letter to me without your writing some in it. I always like to find a letter from you in Father's letters and I would be much more pleased if you would write more than you do. A letter would come just as well with two sheets in as with only one, or one and a half; I should write more than I do distinct paper cost so much, 60 it is for quires and some times hard to get at that, I cannot begin to write a letter on one sheet of paper, if you could only read short hand writing & could write that, I can write quite well now in Phonography, I am studying it nearly all the time that I can. I am so hard to learn that I cannot get along as fast as some would.
The more I study it the more I like it. Tell me in your next letter whether it is being taught at the College or the Union or not. If it is, and if you wish to get home you must learn it, for it cannot be that the day is far distant when it will be taught in our common Schools, it is better learning of being taught there. What are the odds of any of the languages. Emma did open receive the papers that I sent some things in one paper had a strap in, and the others some little brass books. They were hardly worth the trouble of sending but I would like to know if they opened them. I have a nice brass brochel that I want to send. The same way it all also has his wife got the pants, bluse, and spurs. That I sent in Mr. Bogeys. for his brother to write that she left them at Roberts. There is some letters Emma and write soon and a long letter. Tell me all the news. I suppose of course that it displeases Charley and
Camp near Nashville, Tenn' [sic] July 2nd 1865.

Dear Farther [sic]

Your letter dated June 28th was received with much pleasure about half an hour ago and I hasten to answer. It was just eight days over three months since I had heard a word from home, and I was very much pleased to receive it and to know that you are all well, and it is a great satisfaction to me to know where you are living: after I received your letter dated March 20th (in which you stated that you had got to leave the house you were in and did not know where you would go). I felt quite bad not knowing where you were, or where I would find you in case I went home, but I am very glad to hear that you are doing something towards a home, and Father whether I stay here or go home you shall have all the assistance that I can give you to help you make that place your own.

The Government is owing me eight months pay, which amounts to $128.00 and $275.00 of my bounty which will make in all $403.00 that when I get it will go quite a ways towards paying for the land; but I do not know when we will get pay again; the old boys of the regiment were mustered out yesterday and expect to get their pay, which we should have done the last of June.

I will tell you a little about our Reg' [sic] so that you can see how we stand, when I wrote home before it was thought that we would be put into the 2nd Mich' [sic] Cav' [sic] but they cannot do it for the 463 men hold the organisation [sic] in our reg' [sic],
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was considered one of the best in the reg) was brought home from the
city drunk but a few nights before I left, so drunk that he could not take the Co' [sic] out to dress-parade [sic] and so I had to do it. The Adjutant was so drunk that he could not read an order that we had just received from Washington, correctly. And the Colonel under took to drill the Reg' [sic] at dress-parade [sic] when he was so drunk that he could not give the commands correctly. Do not talk about sending to Rep' [sic] Beaman to get me reinstated for I do not wish to be I had rather serve as a private my [illegible] time out than be obliged [sic] to keep such company as I should had to there. I do not think that we will be kept but a few months at any rate and I had rather live at home where I can enjoy home privileges than in the army as an officer. I have got so that I actualy [sic] despise the sight of an sholdier-strap [sic], see the way our Liut' [sic] Colonel got his promotion Brig' [sic] Gen' [sic]. Prichard the capturer of Jefferson Davis. I think that he ought to have been tried for murder instead of being promoted, if I had room and time, this time, I would explain to you why I think that he was guilty, for the lines that were lost in the fight with the first Wisconsin and I think that any unconcerned [sic], unprejudiced [sic] person would say the same, of course none of the 4th Mich' [sic] (or but very few of them would acknowledge that Prichard was at blame, because they want the honor of his [Davis] capture. Ask the 1st. Wisconsin, they supposed (from the lie that Prichard told the night before) that they were fighting Jeff Davises body guard, while our commander knew that he was fighting the first Wis' [sic], but I must stop writing about
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that scrape and finish up my letter as it is getting [sic] dark and I want to send this in tonight. I would very much like to come home on a furlow [sic] and have a visit with Grandmother and you all, but it would cost so much that I do not think I had better, and besides I think that I will get home for good before she goes east, that is if she stays untill [sic] the latter part of the fall. One of the Keyes boys sent in for a furlow [sic] today, three of our Co [sic] left for home on furlows [sic] yesterday more leave tommorrow if Keyes' furlow [sic] arrives back approved he will leave sometime this week.

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Give my best respect to all enquiring friends, tell Grandmother that I think I will be home to see her inside of three months.

Good Night from your son

Frank, to his

Father.
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I am very glad that you could not let Father and Mother send a letter to me without you writing some in it. I always like to find a letter from you in Fathers letters and I would be much more pleased if you would write more than you do, a letter would come just as well with two sheets in as with only one, or one and a half; I should write more than I do did not paper cost so much, 60 cts [sic] per quire and sometimes hard to get at that, I cannot begin to write a letter on one sheet of paper, if you could only read short hand writing I could write that, I can write quite well now in Phongraphy [sic], I am studying it nearly all the time that I can. I am so hard to learn that I cannot get along as fast as some would. The more I study it the more I like it tell me in your next letter wheither [sic] it is being taught at the College [sic] or the Union or not, if I live to get home you must learn it, for it cannot be that the day is far distant when it will be taught in our common Schools, it is better observing of being taught there than Latin or any of the languages. Emma did you receive the papers that I sent some thins in one paper had a strap in, and the other some little brass hooks, They were hardly worth the trouble of sending but I would like to know if you received them, for if you did I have a nice brass buckel that I want to send the same way, tell me also has Father got the pants, blouse, and spur that I sent in Mr Keyes' box his brother writes that he left them at Roberts store. Excuse this poor letter Emma and write soon and a long letter tell me all the news I suppose of course that is pleases Charley and Anna to have their name mentioned in my letters so kiss them both for me, tell them to be
[Letter to Emma]

good children and Frank will come home and see them this summer
if God spares his life and Mr. Lincoln will let him.
Dear Parents,

I received your hand letter dated July 7th last evening, also one dated July 21st some time in the evenings ago. I should have answered the first one before this, but I have been so much busy, for several days making out a charge roll, they are old ones for the months of May and June, so I do not think that I have well got any pay on them. I do not know anything more about when we will get muster out of service, than I did the last time I wrote. Other regiments in our division are getting mustered out by 1863 men and all, so I am confident that if we are right, that it is our officers that is keeping us. We have made out a pay-tune and sent it to General Trumbull with the signatures of one hundred and forty-five men on it, making an request to be mustered out of service. It was taken to him today, but the men that took it have not yet returned from the city. I do not know as I will do very good, but in case we have been prevented as men contended to remain where we are, (and it is reported that we have been,) it will inform the Adjutant-General, and I will also inform him that nothing is being done to get us mustered out. I do not think that there has been a day since I was home nearly a year ago. And if I were wanted to get home as bad as I do now, if this war was continuing I should not put off as though I was wasting my time, and I do now, lying in camp doing nothing. The weather is so warm that I can read or study but a very little. I seem to me like a waste of time. At all events, if I cannot, yet may not assured that I will get out of this and be at home as soon as I possibly can. I might have been at home now had I been willing to go home on a hurried trip, but I am not, when I go home I want to be free to come and go when I have a mind to, and not have to come back here every three short space of 30 days. Grandmother will not want to return east for some time yet, and I think that we will find out before long what is going to be done with us.

You wrote dear Father that you have been laid up for some time with a some side. I am very sorry for you must find it hard enough to get along, even when you have your health all of the time, and had to rest when you are laid up a part of the time, and having made the arrangements that you have upon of course feel as though you wanted to be doing.
Morning Reports of Captain, Company, Army of the United States, Colonel

Direct the same as usual to

Franklin H. Bailey


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something towards paying for it, which made it seem as though I wanted to be doing something and yet, in the end, only a month and a half it was time for me to think that I should be more. I should like to take a part of my wages and start to work in the City. I want to see you in comfortable circumstances. I have lost, and I would like to have more and pay my wages. I think I could pay for the place, and I want to see you in a comfortable situation. If I see you in comfortable circumstances, I think I could pay for it, and I want to make sure you are not in a terrible state of circumstances.

Mother does not think that I have made up my mind to attend the Springfield College. I am simply trying to improve myself at the University College. I mean to attend the University College, and I want to know if I can take the course at the University College, which would take the place of a University course. I would take the course and absorb the utmost, I would take the course and absorb the utmost, I would take the course and absorb the utmost.

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Camp near Edgfield, Tenn: July 15th 1865

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter, dated July 9th last evening also one dated July 2nd some two or three evenings ago. I should have answered the first one before this; had I not been so very busy [sic] for several days making out Muster Rolls, they are old ones for the months of May and June, so I do not think that we will get any pay on them. I do not know anything more about, when we will get mustered out of service, than I did the last time I wrote; other Regiments in our Division are getting [sic] mustered out. 1863 men and all, so I am confident that if we are kept, that it is our Officers that is keeping us. We have made out a Partition and sent to General Thomas with the signatures of one hundred and forty five men on it, making a request to be mustered out of service, it was taken to him today, but the men that took it have not yet returned from the city. I do not know as it will do any good, but in case we have been represented as men contented to remain where we are, (and it is reported that we have been) it will inform [sic] the Gen' [sic] to the contrary, and it will also inform him that nothing is being done to get us mustered out. I do not think that there has been a day since I was home, very nearly a year ago, that I have wanted to get home as bad as I do now; if the war was continuing I should not feel as though I was wasting my time, and I do now, laying in camp doing nothing, and the weather is so warm that I can [sic] read or study but a very little, it seems [sic] to me
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all of the time, and harder yet when you are layed up a part of the
time, and having made the purchase that you have you of course feel
as though you wanted to be doing something towards paying for it,
I am shure [sic] that I feel as though I wanted to be doing some-
thing more than sixteen dollars a month, and if I was at home I
think that I should; to be shure [sic] I should like to take a
part of my wages and spend it Schooling but I want to see you in
comfortable circumstances before I leave home; and if I could get
home mow and put my wages into the place and take right hold with
you, if nothing better offered itself [sic], I think that we
could pay for the place in a short time and make a great many im-
provments [sic] on it at the same time, so that when I left home
to go into business or to work for an education you would be left
in tolerable ease circumstances, Mother do not think that I have
made up my mind to attend the Springfield College [sic], I am simply trying to inform myself as to the merits of the different Colleges [sic], I have also sent to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for a circular of the Business College [sic] there. I may not attend a Business College [sic] at all but furnish [sic] myself with means to commence on a College [sic] course, some other way than by book keeping, I had thought that if I could take a course at a Business College [sic], which would take but two or three months time and about one hundred dollars, I could than earn good wages bookkeeping or in some other such employ untill [sic] I had enough to enter College [sic] with, you see that I have not given up my determination to get an education even though it tuke [sic] me all of my life, and as I am so slow to learn, and have no means [sic] to begin on I expect that it will take me along time to take a College [sic] course this war has put me so far back that I expect I should have to enter the preparatory dept' [sic] instead of the College [sic] course at first, but enough about what I think of doing in the future and a little about what I am doing at present. I am acting as Quarter-Master-Sergeant of Co. "I", which is a very good office for a non-commission and in fact the best non-commission office in the company, it is next to the highest in rank, and much the easest [sic] in duty, while its wages lack only two dollars of being as much as the Orderlies. We are having evening meetings in a large tent, and although we have no Chaplin we meet nearly every evening and have services of some kind,
and I trust that we are doing some good, we can procure reading matter as long as we remain here from the Christian Commission, Morning Stars as well as nearly all other religious [sic] papers that are printed in the U.S. so you need not send the Star any more as long as we lay here. My sheet is getting [sic] nearly full and I must close, tell Emma not to feel hard towards me because I have not write to her yet, I have had so much to tend to that I have not written [sic] a letter to any one except you, please write soon and long letters as yo [sic] can find it convenient, love to all from your son. Franklin H. Bailey. Act' [sic] Q. M. Sergt' [sic]. Co. I. do not know the Regiment.

Farther [sic] what is the number of your box I have acturlay [sic] forgotten [sic] I think it is 130 something but have forgotten [sic] what.

Direct the same as usual to.


Nashville. Tennessee.

Please preserve this letter, on account of its! being written [sic] on Government paper.
Remarks for the Month of

Camp near Oakfield, Tenn. July 21st, 1866.

Dear Parents,

I have written one letter to you and one to Sister Emma since I received your last, but I feel so lonesome that I thought I would not wait until I received another letter before I wrote again, so today I have taken my writing materials and retired to the woods, for the purpose of penning a few lines to you. My health is very good with the exception of the sun's heat which I have during the greater part of every day, and which makes one feel very indolent, with many days I feel first-rate and clear, hot days make the sun is pouring down so hot that I can scarcely step out in the rice. I feel like lying in the shade of a large tree and doing nothing. I try to read a little, but my head ache so bad that it is difficult to keep any thoughts fixed on any subject. I do not feel like writing and for that reason do not write to anyone except home.

I have neglected sore long that she will think that I have forgotten her entirely. I have taken from the last and from Bill that I have had for two and three months and have not answered ye If I sought to be ashamed of myself for not answering them before this time, but it is both hard work for me to write and such hard work for me to get writing material.

Bill I have delayed it, hoping that I should get home before long, but I do not see any hope of our getting out right away.

There are a great many different reports in camp about what is to be done with us but I can make none of them, fearing instruction, I do not know many a man about where we will leave here or where we will go from here. Than you do, some of the boys get rebellious once in a while and fire a few shots among the officers, and they have not hurt anyone of us.

On one occasion about a partition that we had seen to the tent. The men that carried it in him returned and stated that the tent seen to very thankfully, and said they had been strongly informed respecting the men that remained of our regiment, our Colonel said that we were mounted armed, and equipped, and steered in the service until another, had he fired and killed which is possible as one are not mounted, and are not steered in the service, and who, in the end, were the men that remained.

I do not think that
You will find the report for the month of October, 1865, and the alterations since the last report. The gain and loss are as follows:

**Gain:**
- Enlisted Men: 10
- Command Officers: 0
- Total: 10

**Loss:**
- Enlisted Men: 5
- Command Officers: 0
- Total: 5

The total number of men present and absent is 186.

May love to extend to all, and may the little ones, Charles and Anna, be happy and safe. The signature of the First Sergeant is present.

Direct as usual.

The weather has been quite pleasant, although a little cooler than usual. The town is quite lively, with frequent sightings of the rebels. A letter from home is always welcome, as it provides relief from the monotony of camp life. The thoughts of home and the loved ones back there are constant reminders of the sacrifices made for the cause.

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Dear Parents

I have written [sic] one letter to you and one to sister Emma since I received your last, but I feel so lonesome that I thought I would not wait until [sic] I received another letter before I wrote again, so today I have taken my writing [sic] materials and retired to the woods, for the purpose of pening a few lines to you. My health is very good with the exception of the sun head-ache which I have during the greater part of nearly evry [sic] day, and which makes me feel very indolent; wet rainy days I feel first rate but clear hot days when the sun is pouring down so hot that I can scarcely step out in its rays. I feel like lying in the shade of a garge tree, and doing nothing I try to read ar study but my head-achs [sic] so bad that it is dificult [sic] to keep my thoughts fixed on any subject. I do not feel like writing [sic], and for that reason do not write any where except home, I must however write to cousin Lydia Ann, I have neglected her so bong that she will think that I have forgoten [sic] her entirely. I have letters from the east and from Ill. [sic] that I have had for two and three months and have not answered yet I ought to be ashamed of myself for not answering them before this time, but it is such hard work for me to write, and such hard work for me to get writing [sic] material, that I have delayed it, hoping that I should get home before long, but I do not see any hopes of our getting [sic] out right away there are a great many different reports in camp about what is to be done with us but I guess none of them have any foundation, we
do not know any more about when we will leave here, or where we will go from here, than you do; some of the boys get rebellious once in a while and fire a few shots through the officers tents, but they have not hurt anyone yet. I wrote in my last letter something about a partition that we had sent to Gen' [sic] Thomas the men that carried it to him returned and stated that the Gen' [sic] rec'd [sic] it very thankfully, and said that he had been wrongly informed respecting the men that remained of our regiment, our Colonel Minty reported that we were mounted, armed, and equipped, and desirous of remaining in the service our time out, the first and last which is false as we are not mounted, and are not desirous of remaining in the service, Gen' [sic] Thomas made the remark that he guesd [sic] Col' [sic] Minty had burnt a hole in his shift, so I do not think that we will be kept here but a little while longer, although we may be kept all summer, but I hope not for is ever I wanted to get home its is now.

Day before yesterday or Wednesday, we had a hard storm here the wind blew almost a hurycane [sic], blowing down tents, our Chapple [sic] thenst was blown down and nearly destroyed tareing [sic] it so badly, in the evening after the wind went down we managed to get a part of it up, but the largest part of it was perfectly useless, it was torn so badly.

I suppose that you have seen some of the old boys of the 4th Mich' [sic] Before this time, prehaps [sic] my old friend Stanley Nichols, as he promised to call on you as soon as he found it con-
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venients [sic], the next time you write please tell me what kind of a reception they had at Adrian, or wheither [sic] they had any or not please tell me also wheither [sic] you have received that package I sent with Mr. Keyes things or not they were to be left at Roberts store. I said in the forepart of my letter that I had dificult [sic] work to get paper the want of money is the only thing that makes it dificult [sic], you need not send me any paper however, for I can get along by writing on blanks and Sanitary paper but if you will incluse [sic] a few stamps whenever it comes convenient I will write frequent. I am very desirous of hearing from home often, more desirous than I was when in the field with something to occupy my attention, now it seems [sic] as though I ought to be at home, my mind is absorbed with thoughts of home and the loved ones there and I want to hear from there often, evry [sic] day or two would be none to often but I cannot expect that; write however as often as as you can and I will write as often as you do, I am in hopes that it will not be a great while that we shall have to convey our thoughts to each other on paper, but that we may be permitted [sic] to see each other face to face and talk over the events that have transpired while we have been seperated [sic] from each other. I feel very ancuris [sic] of meeting you all again on this side of the grave but I would give a thousand times more for the assurance of meeting you all in that brighter, happier, home beyond the grave, that home where all will be peace, no leaving friends to go to war
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with rebels; it may be that we shall never meet here below, for who
knows what unseen accident may occur that shall hurl me into eterni-
ty, before ever reaching the city of Adrian, but let us hope and
pray for the best and leave the rest with Him who doeth all things
well, my sheet is nearly full and I must close with a prayer for
your eternal [sic] wellfare, believe me your ever true and affec-
tionate son Frank'.

My love to Grand Mother and
the little ones, Charley and
Emma.

Direct as usual.
Dear Parents,

Your letters dated July 25 and July 29th have been received in Atlanta. On the morning of yesterday, and the one dated July 29th, I received today, I am now nearly a hundred and I shall not have time to write, but a few lines, but I must write a few words, and let you know the good news, and the reason that I have not written to you before in so long a time. One week ago yesterday morning, which was Thursday July 27, I left camp with the train and went down to Columbia, a distance of 95 miles there I stayed one night, then the morning train and went to Columbus. Ten miles farther there I stayed and waited until another train arrived when I took the train and went back to Macon. I arrived on the ground where I left the regiment about an hour and a half. The regiment gone, I went to the depot and got transportation to Macon, Ga. To join my regiment, Monday night. I found myself in Chattanooga. I went to the soldiers' home and stayed one night. Tuesday night I found one in Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday morning I went down to the depot and joined my regiment. Thursday in their way back to Nashville, they had been down to Macon, Ga.
but decided instead to fall down there they might order to report back to Nashville to be mustered out, and we have just arrived here and gone into camp. I was very duty changing so much, that I went down to the river and washed, and changed my clothes the first thing. Then I sent a note with writing that letter, for I wanted to get to and on the first train, and found that Grandmother was going ahead with relatives. I think that if she will wait three weeks she can see me, for I think that we will be at home by that time, all that we have got to do is to wake up our papers, and as to few regiments that we will not have to wait long for. The months, my officers or the foreign masters to get arrived to us. We have had more fun with our officers than a little, but I cannot explain it to you on paper, mind what has been going on, or how we came to get them, but I hope to be able to tell you face to face before long, we have been arrested in every way possible by all of our officers and Sheriffs, but all but I guess that we have come up with them at last, it was by applying to the war department at Washington and stating the way we have been arrested, that we suspected as writing, and I have a lot of things that I think I will express home before I come so as not to have them to bother with. I have more than I can carry; that is none and one nothing but are worth paying express one, I wish that you would
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I certify that the above abstract is correct, and that the stores have been expended for the purposes stated.

[In triplicate.]
Nashville, Aug 4th, 1865

Dear Parents

Your letter dated July 23 I received in Atlanta Ga' [sic] day before yesterday, and the one dated July 29th I received today, it is now nearly sundown and I shall not have time to write but a few lines, but I must write a few words and let you know the good news, and the reason that I have not written [sic] to you before in so long a time. One week ago yesterday morning, which was Thursday July 27 I left camp took the train and went down to Columbia Tenn' [sic] a distance of 45 miles there I stayed over night took the morning train and went to Cullioka ten miles farther thare [sic] I stayed and visited untill [sic] Saturday noon when I took the train and went back to Nash' [sic] I arived [sic] on the ground where I left the regiment about sun down and found the reg' [sic] gone, I went to the Cavalry Depot and got transportation to Macon Ga' [sic] to join my reg' [sic], Monday night I found myself in Chattanooga I went to the soldiers home and stayed over night, Tuesday night found me in Atlanta Ga' [sic] Wednesday morning I went down to the depot and found my reg' [sic] there on their way back to Nashville they had been down to Macon Ga' [sic] but did not unload at all there they met orders to report back to Nashville to be mustered out and we have just arived [sic] here and gone into camp I was so very dirty traveling so much, that I went down to the river and washed, and changed my cloths [sic] the first thing I did, then comenced [sic] writing this letter, for I wanted to get it out or the first train, you wrote that Grand Mother
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I think I shall come home by the way of Cincinnati, O hio and buy me some clothing there, it is the cheepest [sic] place this side of New York, they say. What do you think of it.
Camp in the Country Depot. Aug 27/65

Dear Parents and Sisters,

I wrote a letter to you last Friday stating that we were ordered to be mustered out, but for fear that you have not received that, or would like to hear more of the particulars, how we are getting along I will write a few lines today. My health continues good.

We commenced on our rolls Sunday morning and expect they will all be completed tonight, ready to be expatriated tomorrow if they are correct and are do not have to wait for the pay, as the one we will get some next week, for the mustering officer said that he would must us out on Friday if our rolls were ready, and I think they will be for if there are not earned we will not up might to
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I wrote to my last that I had a box of things that I should express home, I have not expressed them yet and I guess I shall not until the day before we start for home, for the box is not quite full without any books and that I cannot spare until I start.

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