

Lieut. Benj. F. Butler.
Co. D. Fourth Regt., Min. Vols.
Gen. Pope's Division.
Near Corinth.

Mr Warren has gone home with
his brother, is coming back
this fall, and looks a
few years. That Mr Warner
obliged to be married and has
gone away and left his wife.
I know you know where he has
gone.



My dearest Frank:

I rec'd this morning another
one of your good letters, written June 13th 1862.
I was pleas'd as usual to receive another letter
from you, and happy to hear your health is so
good, if poor Tom was only as well as you are
I would give all the world if I possess'd it; but
I am afraid he never will be any better.

The free men at Richmond are having
a hard struggle and they, they have been fight-
ing four or five days, I am afraid they will have
a severe time before they ^{take} it; if they don't take
Richmond I think it will be along war, I do
hope you ^{can} all come home this fall. I am
very sorry De Coster's health is so poor, I heard that
George Scofield was very sick not expected to live.
poor fellow I do pity him. I rec'd a letter from

St. Anthony Miss.
July 2nd 1862

Mrs Prime this week. she wrote me Mrs Stanton
arrived home two weeks ago today with the remains
of Mr Stanton, he lived a few hours after she got
there and ^{convulsed} ~~covered~~ every little told her he wanted
to go home, said he could get a furlough as long
as he wanted, Mrs Stanton stoped with Mrs Stone
Stones sister in St Louis. Mr Weil came home
with Mrs Stanton, left one week ago today for
St Louis. Mrs S. took his death very hard.

Mrs P. & Mrs S. send their love to you and would
you to write to them if you can make it agreeable.

Let Mr Murphy will, please remember me to him.
I have got my silk dress done will send you a piece
I intended to have sent a piece in my last letter
but forgot it until after I got my letter sealed,
I will have my Photograph taken next week if
it's ^{to} pleasant and send you. They have a beautiful
artist here, he has got your picture nearly finished
& I think it will be handsome. When you come
home I will let you see it;

I cant write half so well down here as I can
at home. There does'nt seem to be anything
new to write, Only the case are running up

here three times a day, but the Depot is two miles
from here the people here acted so mean that
they are going to run the cars through here not
make any stop at all here. people thinks it will
injure St. A. very much, Anna wrote me she
was up to St. Cloud last week saw W. H. Stone
he told her Pring (the old milk man) had drowned
himself, he had been drinking quite hard for
two or three days and they supposed it made him
crazy, he took a boat and went up the river and
jumped over board, some one saw him but they
couldnt get a boat then and they went after him
couldnt find him for nearly one week. Mr Harris &
Mr Bently are in town. I havent seen Harris yet -
presume he will call here before he leaves town.
have seen Bently a number of times, I saw the death
of Percy Robinson in the paper, I suppose you remember
he he was at Fair H - once and went over to Kingst
over he was Quarter master of the 11th Maine Regt
till Thadd when you see him dont forget it
he was sick and started for home and died on
his passage, Bittier is over to Minneapolis now,
Mr Libby's people are all well and send love

Bill Woodfield is well or was the last they heard from him the Minnesota First hasn't been engaged in the battle yet, if they take Richmond the Miss 1st has the promise of guarding it, they have got nearly worn out marching so much. Last Sunday we were out to see Addie Will had beautiful time we had steam-buses, to kill. I like her very much, she wished you was ~~was~~ there several times "Frank" as she calls you while we were there Mr Palmer of St Paul and Miss Lucy Hall, ^{came} they told me they were acquainted with you. Mr P. asked me how you liked military life, he said he would bet you wouldn't back, but he said you understood more what you would have to go through than aged m^oy that would, he is a "Jaylee". I think he is a fine looking man.

Addie says she shall go home with me if I can possibly leave, her cousin she is living with is expecting.

I hardly know what to write to fill this sheet. One thing more I must tell you, Sargent Brown wrote home that you was sick and had been for some time here and he had been appointed to fill your place while you was sick, "what stuff" he also wrote that Mr Sargent drank so much that his father had taken him from the company, that was a funny story to tell. Where is Sargent now.

Mat says give my love to Mr Butler and tell him I hope the war will end and he will come home this fall.

Mark Leadbetter has gone to the Soldiers Home, I don't know but I have written you of it before I write so often I forget what I do write, this letter I will call No 1, I think I have received every letter you have written, I know you haven't said near a word of mine, with my dear I must close, I wish I could see you, but that is all the good it does is to wish.

write whenever you have an opportunity, accept this with much love, Yours truly, Lida Butler.



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Mrs. Eliza A. Butler.
Fair Haven.

Minnesota.

Howeigan Aug 25th

Dear sister

You may think that I have forgotten you by my sheer neglecting to answer your very welcome letter. but instead, I think of you daily judging from my own feelings. I know you are feeling anxious now about Frank.

We learn by the Tribune that the 4th Minnesota has been in a battle Oh how anxious I feel for my brother I hope he is safe. It is my daily prayer that he may be returned to friends and home. Oh what a cruel war this is. This nation might be compared to a vessel in a storm at sea I hope there are those aboard who

will conduct our national
affairs successfully.

I have recently visited my
sisters who live in Cornville
and Athens I find it very
pleasant after being confined
at home so long to be able
to visit my friends I trust
I do in a measure appreciate
the privilege.

I found sister Warren in very
good spirits looking on the
bright side and enjoying
better health than usual. She
was very much pleased with
your picture I will say here
that you could not have sent
me a present that could
have thought more of I am
very much obliged to you for
it I intend to have me a
book when they become cheaper

Every one here is feeling anx-
-ious to know who will be
called to go to the war the
towns quota is 55 to take 55 from
this town after so many have
died and gone seems very sad
because those who are called upon
now had rather stay at home.
Two Col's have gone from here
and quite a number of Capt's &
Lieut's, also a Band, which I
am happy to know has been
discharged and is expected
home soon. Br. John Warren is
one of them.

The ladies in this place have
been quite successful in their
efforts to raise money for our
sick and wounded soldiers,
also a great amount of cloth-
-ing have been sent.

I was glad to hear that
you had got home. Will
he remain at home now?
or has he come home to recruit
and may again be called to
go. I hope when I hear from
you again you will be all
at home. Please excuse this
uninteresting epistle, and
write to me as soon as
convenient. I shall write to
be frank soon. I fear he does
not rec. my letters please say
to him when you write
that I have not heard from
my last letter. Give my love
to him, and accept a large
share yourself. Robert and
George send love.

I remain your affect
sister, Mary D. Paine



Eliza "Lida" Butler



Yours truly - 32 yrs old.
1861 B. F. Butler.

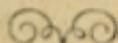
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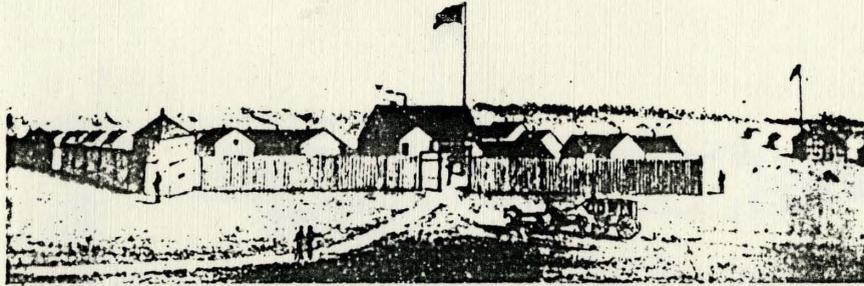
WHITNEY'S GALLERY,

St. Paul.



To Mr Wakefield

THE WESTERN MAILS



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CIVILIAN FORTS ON THE MINNESOTA FRONTIER.

"Fairhaven, Minn August 29th /62.....We went to Clear Water expected the Indians would be here before night - The men commenced a Fort here so we thought we would be as safe here as there - They are building a nice Fort at Clear Water - The St - Cloud people are fortifying Upper St- Cloud. We are building a fortification around our log stable. There is the greatest excitement in Minnesota that ever was known in the world - every town is building a fortification." Lydia then names the families that are leaving because of the Indian war...."so you see we are nearly alone.....I would go away but I don't want to leave my folks here. I don't think the Sioux will be here but the yesterday's paper says the Chippaways have united with the Sioux but don't worry about me, for I think we shall be perfectly safe in our Fort, if we should be attacked. I don't think the Chippawa will get as far as this. (They didn't join in with the Sioux). There was a company of one hundred Cavalry went through this town this morning on their way to Forest City, and another Company will be here tomorrow - They told me not to be afraid we should be protected. There were three wounded men stayed here last night - two will probably die - one's name was Foot - one groaned all night suffered intensely - it was horrid how Foot's wife kept fifteen Indians away from the house - she was slightly wounded - she was here yesterday and told us all the particulars about it - she would cry as though her heart would break - there neighbors family were nearly all killed. They took two girls prisoners - one twelve the other seventeen. The Indians shamefully abused the oldest - took every rag of her clothes off and used her all night - it makes my blood boil - I wish I could have the privilege of popping one over.....There hasn't many left Kingston - they have fortified the flouring mill - There isn't only three women in Forest City. I wish you could be here I should feel so much safer - still I am big enough to take care of myself. ...if I had a gun and could get a chance to fire at an Indian (I would).....I bought one dollar's worth of stamps as you ordered.....The report is Bill Maybee is killed and three others - I saw him last Monday - he said he wasn't afraid of the Indians - said he was going home to see if their house was burned and the poor fellow was killed the next morning...it's awful - there has one thousand Cavalry gone up the Minnesota River and the sixth Regiment and four companies beside - they aren't going to leave until every Sioux is dead - they have had orders to follow until they kill every one and they will serve the Chippaways the same if they break out - Do you think I had better stay here if the Indian war lasts long. Our folks tell me to go - I want to but I cannot go and leave them if they should be killed and gone - I would rather die. But I guess any of us won't be killed in this town. I wish you could pop in and see our Fort.....The men (soldiers) that go through take every house they come to - they have taken every house in Kingston. I expect they will take every house here yet.....Since I commenced this letter (was a) girl the Indians took and abused so has come here come here to stay all night, poor girl I pity her she looks so sad.... I wish you could get a furlough my dear and come home and stay a little while I want to see you so bad.....Good night dearest from..Lida Butler."

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