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Lieut B. F. Butler

Co D, 4th Reg Minnesota Vol  
Beauford's Brig

Army of the  
Mississippi

Fort Kimbal Sept 21  
Maine Prairie 1862

Friend Butler

I received your letter yesterday it went to Sank lenter and back here was the cause of the delay In consequence of the Indian war we are having I came to this place where they are well fortified our sentinals have been fired upon twice and there has been two or three attacks on small parties two days ago one of the Field girls was attacked and an attempt to carry her off but help being near they failed they tore her close bod and cut her some in their attempt to stab her I expect to return home in two or three days The news of Henrys death was truly sad

news to us although after I  
heard that he was sick I feared  
for the result. I was glad to learn  
that he proved to be a true  
soldier. I instructed him to obey  
orders as the duty of a soldier. He  
regretted that he had no chance  
to strike a blow for his country  
this guarding rebel property was  
not according to his notions of do-  
ing things. He never made any  
complaint of any hardship or fare  
and never found one word of fault  
of any officer of the Co. which was  
not the case with all.

In regard to his effects if Wade  
or any other of the Co should be dis-  
charged and would take the trouble  
to take them home without too  
much expence I should like to  
have them sent home not on  
account of their value as the satis-  
faction of having them

If there should be no such  
chance they had better be sold  
he had some Miniatures which  
I want sent home Do you  
know any thing about whether  
he received his last payment I  
suppose you can tell by your ma-  
ster's Book. If you can ascertain  
about this matter and what course  
I am to pursue to obtain what  
is due and also his bounty and  
let me know you will much  
oblige. If you are much enga-  
ged which I suppose you are  
you can turn this matter over  
to J. C. Winslow

Receive my thanks for  
your kindness in writing

Yours &c

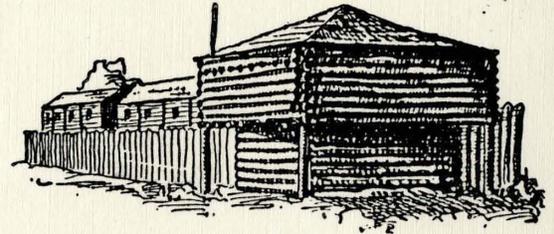
C. J. Boobar

*A. Lincoln*

HIS LIFE AND TIMES

THE SIOUX WAR AND MASSACRE.

1862 and 1863.



#### INDIAN WAR ON THE MINNESOTA FRONTIER

FORT KIMBAL. Following the Sioux attack on New Ulm, the Minnesota frontier was thrown into a state of confusion and terror. Hundreds of people abandoned their homes and farms and fled to the larger towns for protection. Saint Cloud, Clear Water, Sauk Center, Maine Prairie and others, began building log fortifications and organizing militia companies for defense against the Indians. The letter above was written from FORT KIMBAL, which had been built for protection, at Maine Prairie, on September 21, 1862 and put in the mails, as per postmark, at "Fair Haven Min Sept 22"

The following quotes are from the letter: "In consequence of the Indian war we are having I came to this place where they are well fortified - our sentinals have been fired upon twice and there has been two or three attacks on small parties - two days ago one of the Field girls was attacked and an attempt to carry her off but being near they failed - they tore her close bad and cut her some in their attempt to stab her....J.C.Boobar."



Cornville Me  
Oct 13

Lt B F Britten

4<sup>th</sup> Regt Minn Vol

Popes Division

St Louis



Cornville Oct 12 1862

Dear Brother Frank

Mary sent me  
 up a letter of yours to read  
 written after the Tuba Battle  
 you don't know how happy I am  
 to hear that you are safe and  
 well it must have been an  
 exciting scene when you was  
 sure of an engagement I can  
 readily understand that you  
 thought nothing of danger to  
 yourself but all of victory or defeat  
 When I have been in real danger  
 I have been the palest and  
 had no presence of mind  
 than in the contemplation of  
 danger - In your last letter to  
 me you wanted to know how

they got along at the old place  
I have purposely refrained from  
saying anything about them to  
you thinking you must be tired of  
hearing of their shiftless doings  
they do not improve at all  
the place has gone to destruction  
Joe wants more to buy out the heirs  
at 50 dollars piece, & shares  
he has proposed it to two or three  
of the heirs. Hannah Butler spoke  
of it to me, I told her that her  
father would not be willing to  
sell that farm for 800 dollars  
she thought he would as it was  
worth no more than that  
I told her that B would buy him  
out then, and be glad of the  
chance, I havent heard anything  
said since about it, Joe thinks  
this war is going to ruin

every thing, unless the South  
beast, he is senseless and so is  
John, both more at heart  
than they dare admit they triumph  
when the battle is against us, you  
dont know how ashamed I feel  
when I hear their names coupled  
with traitors to their country.  
John has not returned yet I expect  
him though every day, my health  
has improved a good deal but  
I am still almost a cripple  
I can do very little sewing, and  
writing is a positive injury to me  
but I cant give up my friends  
yet although I am ashamed of  
my writing, but I mean was particular  
to write nice, I think Eliza writes  
a very neat letter indeed I wish  
you could have gone to my cupboard  
when you was a burgoyne on the battle field

I hope you wont have to be in  
any more battles, now that the  
slaves are freed we all think the war  
will soon be over - God grant it  
may be. I hear that Eliza is at  
Haverly, how I wish she could spend  
the winter with me I must close  
as it is late, I hope you will think  
of me when you lay down the sword  
to resume the pen and write me  
a good long letter - good night dearest  
Brother with just one little kiss, from  
Joanna



Mrs R. F. Butler  
Care J. S. J. Brennan  
Detroit.  
Mich.

Island Pond. Vt.

Nov 30. 1862.

My dear Wife:-

After leaving  
Drt on Thursday eve. I came  
through without any delay. until  
I arrived at Richmond. Canada  
on Saturday morning at 2 A.M.  
when no connection could be  
made farther. until 7.30 P.M.  
when a train came down  
from Montreal & I got aboard  
& came to this place. which  
is near the "Boundary line".

Arrived at 11.30 Saturday eve.

Today / Sunday / I have to  
lay by. & tomorrow morning  
at 7.30 I again resume  
my journey east. I could

have saved one day if I had  
started Monday, instead of the  
time I did. but I don't care  
much. I had a good deal  
of fun at Richmon. yesterday.  
I found a great many  
Southern sympathizers in  
Canada. I didn't see any American  
soldiers pass through Canada  
& the way they would stare  
at me at the different  
depots, was amusing. I saw  
a number of British soldiers  
& officers. held conversation  
with them. & find them all on  
the Southern side generally.

I told them we calculated  
to whip the Rebels and any  
nation that interfered.

I am stopping at the  
"Island Hotel House" a  
beautiful house. The scenery

ground is majestic. I can see the mountains as far as the eye can extend. It looks odd to me but natural.

The Gong is sounding. I must go to dinner — I am back again — & enjoy a dinner.

A regular Yankee Sunday dinner. Baked Beans. Turkey Baked Pot. beef & lamb. Indian over bread. Baked Indian Pudding (Red) & lots of other substantial.

It is 2.00 P.M. I am well. & glad to get out of Canada. Have made & so will never will travel this road again. I will write as soon as I arrive at St. Louis. I will get there tomorrow see if I connect "All right on

the "Potomac"

Remember me  
in love to all, and  
especially to Mrs B.  
Take good care of  
yourself. & oblige - more  
than ever.

Yours affectionately  
& devotedly

Frank

P.S.

The guests here keep me  
talking all the time about  
the great of the Agency.

Yours by the "Grand South  
Railroad"

near Agassiz.



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