



Thomas Montgomery and family papers.

Copyright Notice:

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/copyright.

Camp Pope June 2nd 1863.

Dear Parents,

I again sit down to write you a few lines to inform you that my health is still as good as ever, and I hope this will find you in like enjoyment. I have not received any letter since May 15th but I received a paper last mail, which lead me to believe I will get a letter next mail. Times are quite exciting here especially this week. I write this in a hurry as the Captain starts down to St. Peter in an hour. The Paymaster arrived and paid us 4 months pay yesterday which made us 32 \$. I send down with the Capt Carter fifty dollars to be deposited in Dunchowin's Bank in your name, to be drawn by you or your order. The Capt. takes down several thousand dollars for the boys, in this manner. You had better go to St. Peter,

Those to come are 12 pounders.

This morning the glorious Seventh arrived. Lt Col Marshall in Command. They left Mankato Sat 10 A.M. There were six Companies of them. All the 7th are here now but one Co. in Fort Abercrombie. All of the 7th present turned out to meet our fellows. Major Bradley in command and we gave them a triumphal reception.

It was a splendid sight to see a whole Regt^{ment} marching by platoon, colors flying and music of various kinds playing.

The 6th Before this had things pretty much their own way, and used to boast of it too but now we can out number and beat either at drill or dress-parade and Regt^{ment} in this camp. All I am sorry for is that our Colonel is not coming along. He was ordered to St. Paul, but Marshall is nearly as good. After ranks were broken there was many a happy greeting among friends long parted. Westlake, Douglas, Moser, Odell & Gross of our Co. Came up. There are now in camp 9 Companies of the 7th 8 of the 6th 5 of the 10th 1 of the 9th and several companies of Cavalry beside the hosts of teamsters. There also came up yesterday over a score of Indian Scouts from Ft Snelling with their squaws & papooses. There was 3 Ladies in camp who came in with Co. C of the 10th but went back next day and there is now in camp and will probably go with the expedition Uncle Tom from Mankato with his wife and two daughters. Women are quite a novelty in camp. For want of time & space I must now close. My respects to all Fort Sn. & Montgomery

