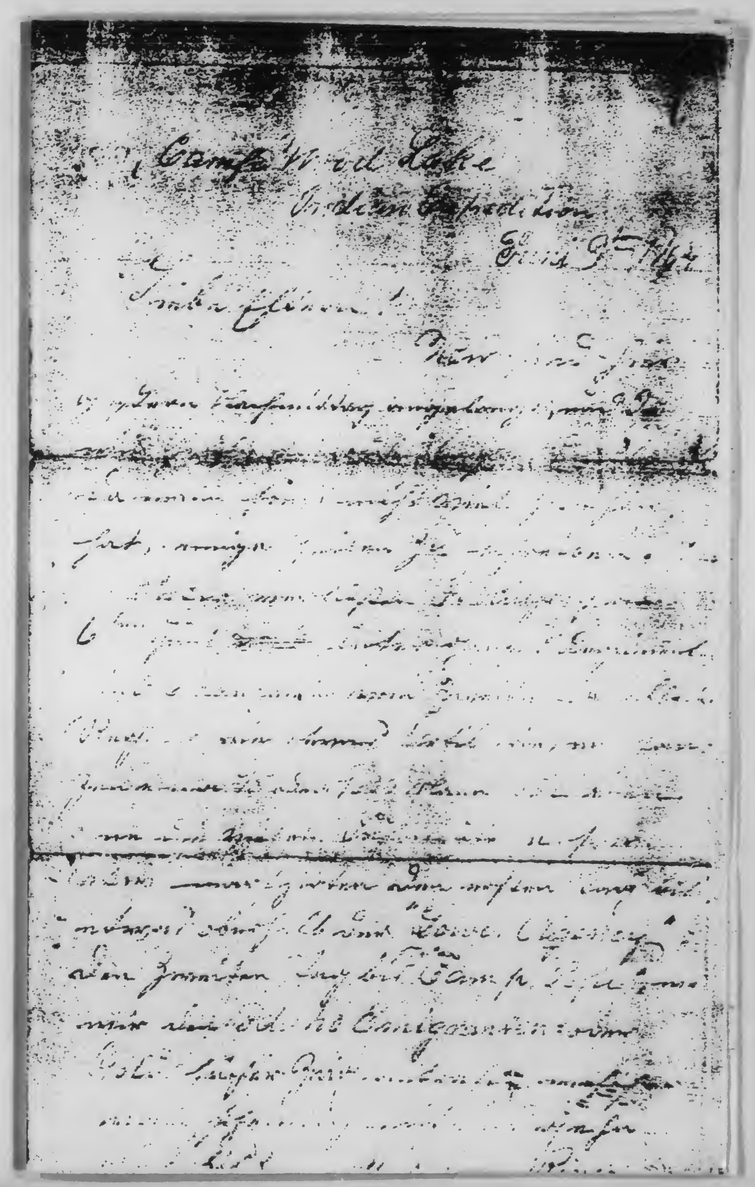

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Befehl-Führer die Eisenbahnbrücke
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Die Kommandeure der Kompagnie
sind Hauptmann Thomas von meinem
Regiment, Leutnant Bird von der
General Sully Escort und Miss Anderson
Insgesamt sind es 6000 Mann.
Das ist, so denke ich, eine respektable
Truppe für mich. Ob wir aber Indianer
sehen werden, oder ob sie uns fern
bleiben werden, kann ich nicht sagen, doch
wir werden wie in 5 oder 6 Wochen zurück
sein, wenn es gut geht. Es heißt
daß sie sich in großen Gruppen
Missouri befinden. Die Marsch wird
auf einer Strecke von 3-4 Meilen
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für 4 Monate Zeitraum. Unser
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Camp Wood Lake, N. W. Indian Expedition
June 9, 1864

Dear Parents:

We arrived here yesterday afternoon and we --- unreadable ---.
Since we do not have much to do I will write a few lines.

We left Fort Ridgely on the 6th of June, our complete regiment and six companies from the Second Cavalry Regiment including some artillery; a total of about 1300 to 1600 men, soldiers and many drivers.

We marched the first day to a little above the "Lower Agency"; on the second day to "Camp Pope". There we met the "Idaho Immigration" or gold digger wagon train. They will probably go with us till we reach the Missouri River. Yesterday we arrived at Camp Wood Lake where the 3rd Regiment had a battle with the Indians 1½ years ago. The dugouts they are making here are long and stretched out. You can still see the Indian bones and skulls laying around.

The commander of this expedition is Colonel Minor T. Thomas of our Regiment. He will be it until we meet with General Sully-Gosseen from Missouri. He has approx 3000 to 6000 men with him. So this will be a mighty force. If we are going to see Indians or if they are going to disappear we will probably find out within 5 to 6 weeks, if everything goes well. The rumor has it that they are in great number on the Missouri. It will take us 3 to 4 weeks to get there.

The country through which we came since we left Fort Ridgely is excellent, only there is no woods -- only prairie.

We are all still in good health except W. Bohrer, he did not feel well the last few days.

I did not yet receive a letter from you. However, you probably have already written. I hope you will not forget to write. Tell Friedrich that he could, about three or four times a year, put the hammer and chisel down and let me hear from him.

The paymaster paid us at Fort Ridgely for two months only. Even though we should get pay for four months. Our Lt. Salter, who mustered us for the months of March and April did, by mistake, send the papers away without his signature. That's why we did not get paid for Jan and Feb. The rest of the Regiment got paid for four months. That is the reason why I did not send anything, as we do not know when, in this wilderness, we will see a paymaster again.

Your son,
John Busch

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