Orrin F. Smith and Family Papers.

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Tuesday morning

No 1st 5 Camp near Falmouth Va
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Dear Brother I received your kind letter some time ago. but could not answer it for the reason I had no postage stamp. I received it just as I was going on Sunday morning inspection and I knew from the feel of it that there was something in it besides a letter. and behold on opening it a fancy silk handkerchief slipped out and fel to the floor. Tell aunt Lidy I am very much obliged to her for the present and also obliged to you for sending it to me Every thing remains quiet still. but we are daly expecting to get the order to move. but where is a mistery to us. some say to Washington and others say acros the river again. and so you see it is impossable for any one to tell. when we get started it does not take long, before we know our destination. I would like to know if your lot in Peoria is a geting along all right. if there is any taxes on it. pay them up and keep it clear of mortgage. If I get my bounty when I am discharged I may one of these days be able to build a house on it. by working a little and ading some money and what wedges I get for the last two months I am in the service, to the bounty. I am afraid

that those that insisted first will be cheated out of our bounty. There is so many villains at Washington that rap the cloak of patriotism around them and go in hand over hand robing the helpless Soldier of what are his dues It matters not to them how long the war lasts they are growing rich by there thieving

I realy think if we were to go as straight to Washington as we could and burn the City and some of those villains with it we would be doing more good than to engage the enemy and whip him

We had a review of our Division by Gen Burnside the other day. there was very little cheering a going on. the Gen is a very fine looking man, but he is not the right man in the right place. I have seen General McClellen pass in review, and the air would be fest full of caps and would hurraw for him untill there throats were sore. and the Gen was out of sight. Gener Burnside told Abraham Lincoln that he was not able to command such an army as this, but it did not help him any he had to try it any how. so he did try it and failed and now offers his resignation but the President will not except it yet, wheather the President wants him to fail again or to come out victorious is a mystery to me. There is a one more man I think is not in the right place or at least he is the rong man for that place I think it is doubtful wheather there is any place that he is able to fill unless it be a Captaincy as a line officer. That is General Wallock.

I saw a peace in one of the Eastern papers comparing Wallock to a porter in some large establishment. he runs and tells the man boy to tell the Porter to have the carrage brought to the front door at such a time but is not responsable for the appearance of the coach at the proper place before the door at the appointed time. I could not help laughing when I saw this I can not see as he is any earthly account if he does not see that his orders are carried in to effect. He gave orders to have the train of pontoons started for here but was not responsable for them after he gave the order. nor did he seem to care. if I can judge from the papers

I was down to the River the other day looking at Fredricksburg it is a miserable looking city. Some of it burnt and all of the buildings riddled with shot and shell. and I was perfectly satisfied I was on this side of the river. the water is pretty low and there is a good many rocks sticking up. the water runs pretty fast

I am afraid there will be serious troubles in the Spring but I am not much afraid they will get as far as Stanow, if they allow them to get that far they will play hell. I am sure I am perfectly willing that the young folks of Stanow should enjoy themselves, and you would not know the difference when there is so few goes out of a county. I do not blame a fellow if he knows what the army is for not enlisting it is not such a desireable position Goodwin Stubble ought to be my friend and is for all I know but he takes a different view of this war than I do, and if he chooses to stay at home I am perfectly satisfied, if he is, Where is S. C. White now is he doing business in the same old place or has he moved. also Dan Gann where is he, he was trying to get in the army when I come away I suppose he has gave up the idea I am afraid we will have bad weather for a while, for we have had such good weather that I expect when it does come that it will be very bad, and then if we march then comes the tug of war. General Sedgwick has taken command of this Army Corps Gen (Brigadier) Howard commanding the old Division, and Alfred Sully comdg Brigade

(Brigadier) promoted to Brigadier General, but has been promoted to

we are just as likely to not get them as to get them. I suppose you have seen Mr. Kennedy around Brinna he was discharged out of our Company Well Mother I will have to close my epistle with my best respects to all of the Friends

My love to Brother Owen
and your self

O. M. Smith } Chas. C. Gerrard

Co K 1st Regt Minn Vols

} P.S. I expect before this gets to you we may be a fighting. but do not say any thing about our going to fight }

Wednesday morning Jan 21st 1863

Mr D. } Last evening there was a general order issued that the Potomac Army would again meet the enemy on the 21st day of Jan 1863. but the weather is so bad that we can not move. It is strange that ever since this war commenced the 21st day of any month has been one of the unlucky days to us. At the 1st Battle of Bull Run. we were defeated on the 21st day of July 1861. also was defeated at the Battle of Ball Bluff on the 21st day of Oct 1861. I think that we can consider our selves very lucky indeed. that it rains and we cannot get across the river. I suppose the people of Prinn think the Army of Potomac are completely demoralized I know one thing that this Regt is not the least mite demoralized and can at this present time do as good fighting as they ever done. and I think there is a good many Regts like us. all that is lacking is confidence in the comdg officer Capt Perian has a furlough to go away. he has been sick for some time. I do not know whether he is going to Prinn. I rather think not strange Tell Cousin Ellen that she must write to me once and a while. I just hear from her once and a while when I first came in the Army but now I suppose skates and music occupies all of her time. When we was in Fredricksburg there was plenty of singing books but I have no way to carry them so I had to let them stay I would like to of got one and sent it to Cousin Ellen and while I was about it I could of sent her a piano if I had the transportation for them I had the pleasure of carying every thing I had on my back. so I had no room for pianos or singing books, I see

our arms have been very successful in the west lately. the last capture of Arkansas post is not a bad thing. I expect Brother that the Indians will break out in the spring again but I am not much afraid of them getting as far as Prairieville. If they do get that far they will make a pretty piece of business. I have commenced this sheet of paper long but I guess you can find the head of it.

Eby is well as ever also Charley Nolte Brown & Brink. Eby sends his best respects to you. Give Mrs Eby my best respects. I do not know what to say about that express box. if you have got one all ready you had better send it. but after this I would not send any more. they cost a good deal being they are so much trouble to you. I dont think it pais to express things now for

Programme
No 1st

Camp near Falmouth Va
Jan 24th 1863

Dear Brother

We have been expecting to move for some time, but have finly concluded it is all gammon. We have been having very bad weather, but when we compare it with the weather we had last winter in old Maryland, we can consider our selves lucky fellows. Orrin Brink recd a letter from D. L. Brink and he says that they will not take the postage currency for postage stamps in Arizona, now if this is the case Mrs Blanchard or whoever sells stamps is violating the law and more than that if I know any thing about it. he is liable to be fined I think if whoever sells postage stamps. were take postage currency that they are making a good thing off of the people of Arizona, or in other words is pocketing the specie he receives for his stamps and buyes them with postage currency. So you see it leaves him with his pockets full of specie which he can sell for $1.30 to $1.40 for every dollar of silver or gold he can get. I think if this is the case up in Arizona it is high time

that some one would put a stop to it
I suppose I cannot send home and get stamps
so you and I cannot enter in to a contract
as I proposed in my other letter. Charley Ely
received a letter from his Brother and Sister, it
was dated the 13th of this month. He is highly delight-
ed with his Sisters writing, and he thinks
she is learning very fast It was the first I knew
about his Gran Brother being in Minnesota.
Eldridge Smith of our Co has been discharged on
account of his deafness, he is a Brother to Andrew
Smith. & Dave. but a much better fellow than
either of them. We expect him up here befor long
and if he goes to Virginia with Ly and serve, the
china cup I have for Ruen. Brother what
do you think of Geo Seymour and Parker of
New York and New Jersy. I do not think
I am going to protect the homes of such
black hearted traitors as these are. I can see
they are traitors just as plain as I can see this
sheet of paper I am writing on. If they put such
men in for Gen's I am going home. I dont feel
inclined to fight for such men. I am in for
disloging any Officer whatever not give the
Presidents proclamation his cordial support
and give the President his cordial support
to for I think Abraham is a good President

How is Uncle John C. getting along in
the Country. I received a letter from Susan
sometime after her marriage with Reuben Black
but I could not answer it becaus I had no pos-
tage stamps. she says Uncle & Aunt wer well
but that was some time ago. Reuben is in
the Rangers is he not. Brother you never say
any thing about George Orilson Thomas Norton
and John Norton I some times think they
are dead, but when I come to think of it
they might be married, if John is there
he is most likely gallanting some beautiful
young damsel over to the Lake to take a skate
. I wonder if the mill whistle disturbs
Tony as much as it does us. I am inclina
to think it does for if the mill stops it
will result in the bankruptcy of Laird Norton
& Co. George Orilson is a luckey fellow. for it
would of been the last of his nose if he had come
in the Army, there is no end of the pork we
have to eat, eat pork and crackers (hard tack) or
suck your paw and as, I dont always feel inclined
I generaly take crackers and pork. If I ever get
home I will show you how to fry crackers and
smother beans or more commonly called baked beans
I do not know but I guess that a receipt will
do as well. Take as many beans as you want for

a mess and par boil or partialy boil them
then tak a spade and dig a hole large enough
for the pot you are going to cook the beans in
and build a fire in it. anget it as warm
as you can, then take the pot of beans and
put a peice of meat in the enter of the pot
then cover the pot over and put it in the
hole covering the pot with the coals that are in
the hole and earth on top of them and in
twenty four hours you have a soldiers dist of
baked beans. We bake a good many crackers
that (may) first pure water on them (pour them) in the bean
hole and bake them. We heard here to days
that Gen Burnside has been superceded by
little Mc Clellan. it would of been a very pleasant
surprise. to me and "O.K". Our Chaplain
dose not preach much now on account of the
weather. he is not much miss. for we do
not like him his name is Conway. I like
him as soldier but not as a preacher
Tomorrow morning we go on picket. I expect
a bad time. Mother I hav not been writing
because what I write is interesting but becaus
I have nothing els to do and that is what
makes me dislike Soldiering. some times we have
so much to do that we nearly brake down with
fatigue and other times we have almost nothing to do

Programme No 2d

Monday evening Jan 26th/63

Dell Brother we have been out on picket and we had a very good time to what I expected to have. The first part of yesterday was a little rainy but cleared off about noon. We signed the pay rol to day and we will most likely get paid tomorrow, but they say it is only for 2 months and we should receive five months pay. I do not see how that is when there has been such a howl about the soldiers not getting there pay. I understand that all troops both in the Navy and land force that were serving under Uncle Sam would get paid up to the 1st day Jan 1863 by the 15th but it seems that the pay master had not even commenced paying at the 15th we dose he when he comes pay us up the 1st of Jan I realy believe that the pay master takes the 2 months pay which is due us and loans it out at interest, he would reap a rich harvest loaning what would pay a 1 Brigade or Division off, each man receiving $26.00 besides Teamsters they get pay for extra duty and then the Officers they get quite a salary

Mother I am afraid if we only receive $26. on this pay day. I cannot send much home to you. I have been getting a good many little things at the Sutler, more than I have got before in a long time I got a pare of gloves there that cost $2.00 besides writing material blacking pens and ink. In camp we are always obliged to get blacking and black our shoes on dresspersade and inspections. I think you said in one of your letters that you had a little left in the bank in Strong so if you can use that till next pay day I can send you more then most likely as I have got gloves a good cap and plenty of paper and ink. I wonder if you would like to know what we do day, well I will tell you. first the bugals sound reveille and then the drums beat and we fall into line and answer to our names, then at 8 oclock comes sick call. and any body that wants a sick leave or some medicin then is his time for after that he cant get any unless he is so sick that the doctor has to be called, after sick call comes police, there is a detail main out of each Company to clean the streets and when the call blows they turn out and sweep up the streets in fine style, after breakfast (breakfast comes right after police) comes guard mount then after guard mount comes drill call, then the Company turns out and drills until recall is sounded, then we break ranks and scatter. At noon there is a call blowed for the Orderly Sargent to report to the Adjutants quarters, then there is nothing goes on until the drill call sounds in the afternoon, then some times we have batallion drill and some times Company drill and a good many times no drill at all, then at sun down the assembly is blowed by the bugalers and then we have a dresspersade. We have two regular turn at guard picket 1 Brigade guards and 1 Brigade extra duty, these are the duties of a Solder in camp, but I can tell you it is some diferant on a march where a fellow has to stop at night after a long days march, and cook his grub, that's what grinds me, a great many over so tired they would not stop to cook any thing but would lay down and in a few minutes be fast a sleep

Have you heard any thing from Gran Father lately. I wonder if Aunt Lucretia keeps hens for him or Aunt Mary. I suppose they are both at home yet or is Aunt Mary married. If she has been I have never heard any thing about it I never hear any thing about Uncle Allison Orbits and Aunt Lib, they are most likely in Clinton Co. Clinton Bible Pa. That was the first place I ever saw soldiers, and I always wanted to be one but it is plain out, nothing very charming about a Soldier now as I can see, or a Soldiers life. I do not mean to say I would like to give it up now, if they will give us some body to lead us I will try and stick my horn out say like Gen. Clellen, he is the man for me. and my candid opinion is the Army of the Potomac will never amount to any certain ends, until he leads it, then the men would do all in their power to win a victory if it ever possible

{ Programme No 3rd }

We have heard here to night that Joe Brooker has been put in command of the Army of the Potomac and old Gen Burnside has got to take the back seat with Gen McClellen, this is only a rumor. I do not know how true it is. I do not know much about Gen Brooker, but I think he did not do right at the battle of Williamsburg, if he had I think little Mac would of made a good thing of it, but as it was Brooker hurried up the cake and spoile it altogether, but then Brooker may make a good leader for this Army, as he has been in it nearly ever since it was organized. He has made a pretty good jump, he cleard old Gen Sumner. I do not think I would like to see Sumner put in command, for I think he is to rash. Gen Sumner was nearly crazy at Antietam and by his madness got Sedgwicks Division in a bad place, he is a pretty good commander of a corps if he does get a little to fast he is good grit to the back bone, I think

General Sumner would make a very good Cavalry officer. He would make some splendid raids and make old Gen. Stuart would have occasion to dread Gen Sumner. Mother I have concluded to take some paper and I do not see any one I like better than Beverly's Magazine. I am fond of romance and there is some in that, but not all romance some very instructive peaces as well as interesting. I think I will take it for a half a year and then if I like it and can afford it - I will take it for another 6 months. I will get here and read it then send it to you and you can send such as you like of it and lay it away some where and if I ever get a chance and I think it will pay I will get it bound. That is why I said in one of my letters that when I got my pay I wanted you to send me a postage stamp or a one and a three in every letter you sent so I could send you the paper and write a letter also, but I dont see how we are going to work it so if I cant buy the stamps with postage currency. Dear Mother it is getting pretty late and I must finish my 3rd Programme for I know you are getting tired of my lingo of nothing and very little something. I believe this is the longest letter I have wrote to you since I have been in the Army, well it ought to be a long one for I have been as many days as I have Programmes You see one is dated the 24th and the 3rd is dated the 26th 1863. I will reserve the remainder of this sheet for to morrow We know not what the morrow brings forth so I will wait and see, and there may by chance be some news. This morning it rains, a dizzly miserable day. Tuesday evening 27th Mother I received your letter dated the 2d and 13th of this month this afternoon. I am very sorry you have the sick headache, you seem to have regular turns. I have never had either the sick head ache or tooth ache nor have I had the ear ach and when I was home I guess to have it very often, We did not get our pay to day as we expected, I guess it was because it rained, but I think we will have it before long. You spoke about Cousin Sylvia Gradam writing to you and wanting

to know where I am. I wrote to her a long time ago but have not received an answer. and I began to think she had forgotten me. she promised to write to me and let me know how Smith Goddard got along. he is the one that started for California. I will write to her before long. Brother I wish you would look in the family Bible and see how old I am. to a day. and then let me know in one of your letters I think Brother you cannot say that I owe you get my three cents worth this time

What I have wrote is not very interesting but you can kill time with it I guess

Give my love to Brother Allen and Your self. My best respects to all of my Friends. You please give little Franky a kiss for me. and tell Brother I would like to get a letter from him.

P.S. If you send me papers I do not get them for I have received but 25 papers for the last 4 months.

Chas. E. Goddard
Co K 1st Regt Minn

Write to John Durham Owego

Camp near Falmouth Va
February 3rd 1863

Dear Brother

Not long ago I wrote you a letter in which I thought I got my three cents worth, but do not think I will be guilty of such a thing again very soon, for I know such letters must trouble you.

Well Brother we have been paid off and you will find inclosed $5,00 / five Dollars which is the most I can send you now. I was in debt some and I wanted to send for some papers when I had paid my debts and sent for these papers I had but $2,00 for myself to spend and five to send you. I can assure you that $2,00 will last

me as long as I go if not
longer, for you see there is no
use for me to keep more. You
& Brother may need more than
I send you here, but I think
that we will get paid now
again. I send you a piece
out of a newspaper. as you send
me some. I dont see why I can
not send you a piece once and
a while. I cannot say as it is
true or not. I leave that for
you self to judge, it is Jeff's dream
very good I think if it is doubtfull
as to the truthe of the peace
I would like to know if you
have that paper that I sent
you at Bolivar Eight feet after
our return from Berryville
The boys of the 1st went in to
the town of Berryville and appropriated
a printing office and printed
a paper and I sent it to you

I would like to know for
that would be a good relic of
our Berryville skermish. There
is some talk of our Regt return
ing home to protect the Union
or the State I do not know
which. I think the 7th protected
them and they may want us
to protect them, but I think
there is some men in this
Regt that would lift the hat
of a red skin and think nothing
of it, in spite of orders. They made
to much puts about Colonel Miller
being such a good officer. and when
he was here the boys would
make fun of him when he was
command the Regt, he was considered
a very poor officer here

Give my love to Brother
Green and take a good share
to your self My best respects
to my friends and to Chas. E. Graham

P.S. I have endeavored to put Jeff's dream ~~out~~ in with the money but will send it some other time

Camp near Falmouth Va
February 6th 1863

Dear Mother I received your kind letter of the 21st of Jan, and was very much pleased with its contents. The letter I sent in which I inclosed five dollars to you, I said I would send you Jeffs dream, but I thought after due consideration that it would not be a good policy to send paper in a letter which had money in so I will send it in this letter. I think it is a purty good peace, but I doubt wheather it is true. I cut it out of an Illinois paper. That 3rd Regt are very lucky fellows to run acrs such a good dinner. It may be the last one they will get for a long time if they come down here. We are having very disagreeable weather now, one day it will snow and the next day rain. We had such a very pleasant fall that

I expected when bad weather did come it would be very bad. You speak about papers in your letter. I have secured no papers since. I first came to Bolivar Heights and if you send me the morrow paper it must get lost on the road for I do not get any. You want to know why I want 1 cent stamps. I can tell you I have sent for a paper and when I read it I want to send it home to you. I do not know wheather you will like it or not. Ely is well and in good spirits. I wrote to Cousin Sylvia a few days ago, I have been wanting to write to Missouri for some time but every day would put it off thinking I might get a letter from her. I wrote to her last and requested her to write to me and let me know how Cousin Smith got along in California but received no answer. Tell my Uncles that I am much obliged to them for their kind attention to you Would you like to know why the Army of the Potomac like General George B. McClellan. I will answer to tell you as well as I know how. In the 1st place little Mac made the Army of the Potomac what it is now and at Yorktown instead of charging on the enemys fortifications and losing thousands of lives he dug them out. and again when the officials at Washington refused to let McClellan cooperate with him at Fair Oaks little Mac was obliged to take the Army of the Potomac and fight his way to the James river. This retreat was conducted with so much military skill that the greater part of the Rebel Army acknowledged that they were badly whipped every place they came upon so Orhan we have arrived at Harrisons Landing we were very tired hungry cold and

but had to sleep setting and you know that
we setting around on sticks
and any thing we could get
to set on. The army of the
Potomac at that very moment
had more confidence in little Mac
than they have at this present
moment in General Burnside setting
here in these warm tents
Then after he was withdrawn from
the Peninsula we had to go out
and cover Popes retreat. They called
us Mc Clellans fresh troops and just
the day before we had got off of
transports where there was a whole
Brigade crammed in on one Boat and
had been on that boat for 3 days.
This was all done for to save the great
few that since orders in the rear.
Then little Mac had to look out for the
brave bns retreat which he had forgotten
to do. Brother I cannot begin to tell
you all by letter but if I ever get home
I can tell you. Give my respects to
Miss Downer and also my friends Taylor to
Brother Allen and little Hankey C E Boardman

You can imagine how white we were as the transports we could lay down

Camp near Falmouth Va
February 14th 1863

Dear Mother I recd your kind letter this morning, it was dated the 28th & 30th of Jan. I am very glad to hear that you still continue in good health and that Brother Drew is fast recovering from the hooping cough. I think that after he has grown some taller that he will grow some thicker and be a good deal healthier than he is at the present, although he has a very small frame. I would like to know if you have a letter that I wrote at Camp Stone. it was one I wrote jest after payday and I had the measels so I could hardly see out of my eyes John Southmaid wrote some in

it and then directed it to
Uncle Bill and he was to give
it to you. the money if not letter
he may of kept the letter. If you
would like to see one of the letters
that is the one to look at The
cup I spoke about is on the
way I sent it in a little box
that Mr Rob carried with him
He is going to leave the box at
Randles harness shop and
you can call there and get the
cup. I think you will have
no trouble, it is a small cup
and looks as if it might be
china but I think it is not
I directed it to you. Edy is
well, I think he has changed
but very little since he left
home I suppose I cannot
see it if he has for I see him

every day and would not be
likely to notice any change
I am going to give Bothe
an example in mental arithme
tic. I do not think he can
do it for it has puzzled older
heads than his it is as follows.
A farmer in a certin State had
quite a number of children
and also a very good orchard
One day he called the children
to him and told them the
one that would do this example
he would give them the farm
To take a basket and go out
in the orchard and get enough
apples to leave half he had and
half of an apple on the orchard
gate post and half he had left
and half an apple on the barn
yard post and half he had and

half of an apple on the gate post that opened into the yard around the house and when he gets through to have one apple left and no more I do not think Orren can do this example, if he cannot, let Hellen try it

I am very sorry for Grand Father I know he must be lonely. When you or any of the Greenids write send my love to him I would like very much to go by Penn if we get our discharge in Washington but I am inclined to think the Regt will go home and be discharged at Fort Snelling, but there you know it will be some time before this will happen. very little over a year I see very plainly you and I are not of the same opinion in

regard to Gen Mc Clellen. You
think him a traitor and
I think he is a Gentleman
a scholar and a good Soldier
I shall ever respect Mc Clellen
and ever think that in putting
him out of command of the
Army Potomac that whoever
did it was ignorant of his abili-
-ties to command Pre know
that President Lincoln did
do it, but we do not blame him
when there was so many that
wanted him removed and
they had such a great influence
that he complied with there
request. and in reality we can
say that he did not do it
Those that did do it the
Soldiers of this Army have
marked and it will not be

so very easy for them to get
a position to high again if
they are put in by election after
we are discharged
I wonder if the Gov of Maine
cannot find a better man for
a Brigadier than Granny Miller
I think they could find better
Brigadiers in some of the Captains
of this Regt than Granny
We never did like him when
he was here I will tell you why
When we was going in to the
fight at Savage Station he sang
out to us (he being in command)
Gentilman pleas close up
to the right and such commands
a soldier dose not like to hear
He should of said simply close
up to the right, And often when
we ever fest going to go on a
march he would tell the bugle
er to pleas blow the Regiment
into line, he would talk so
whare men of other Regts could
heare and it would make our
boys so mad. You know it would
be a very hard task for the
bugaler to blow a Regt into line,
but he went for him to sound
the attention, it was a great
blessing to us when he was promo
ted I have seen some of their
City scrip you spoke about
in your lette Jiram Brink
had 10$ of it and showed
it to all of the boys. I should
not think he would take it for
stamps. Mother you need
not send me any more stamps
for the present I got some
from Washington and if I

get out I can write to you
and let you know
Give my love to Brother
Aren
My best respects to Aunt
and Uncle when any of the
Freind write
Good by
C. E. Lockwood

Camp near Falmouth Va
February 10th 1863

Dear Mother

Mr Rof has just arrived from Washington and brings with him a shirt & socks from you for my humble self I see in this no such a one as you described in your letter, but one that I would prefer above all others I am very much obliged to you for your kindness not only this time but for ever since I have been in the service. Sam Stebbins had an express box come to this camp for him, but Sam having had his discharge some time previous to the arrival of the box our Orderly Sargent requested his chick to write to Sam and find out what should be done with the things in the box Sam replied that he would like me to have some of the things and the remainder should be distributed to "K." Co". I took 2 shirts one towel knife fork out of the box and the shirts was first class to you can bet so you see that with your thoughtfulness & Sams kindness there will be no need of me going without a shirt. Mr Rof leaves us tomorrow morning for Washington and is going to take with him a box from Co "K." to there Freind in Ferrina it will of course have to be a small one for he cannot carry a very larg one. On his arrival at Ferrina he will leave this box at Randels harness shop and all those

who have things in the box will call there for them I am going to send you a little tea cup. I do not think it is china but very fine stone ware I could of got some very fine china if I only had thought. The way I came to get this one I was in one of those first class Virginia closets loking for some butter but could not find any but one of my comrads was more fortunate and sang out to me to make haste or I would not get any, they ran out doors with the jar of butter and I after them but when I looked in my haversack for something to put the butter in it struck me pretty forcably that I ought to have something like a cup so I told Bill Sargeant who was going in to the house again to fetch me out a cup so he fetched me this one and I filled it with butter and did eat butter and flap jacks untill I was filled, this is the only relic I fetched from Fredrickburg of that kind

Ely is all on the nip up and in fine spirites There is a rumor in camp that the 7th Regt is going to relieve this Regt now if that is the case it wont be bad thing for us

Brother there is no use in sending stamps in your letters for I have sent on and got them from Washington My love to Brother Orrin and your self Good by Chas. E. Goddard

Camp near Falmouth Va
February 20th 1863

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter of the 3d and 6th of Feb this morning. You desired me to give you list of battles I have been in, they are as follows. The first engagement was the battle of Fair Oaks on the 31st May & 1st of June The battle in the Peach Orchard Savage Station & White Oaks swamp June 29th, do 29th June 30th This ends the Peninsula campaign then we came to Pod and fought the battle of Antietam from there we came here and fought the battle of Fredricksburg Sept 17th and December 13 These are the

battles I have been in but not all the skirmish I have been in the following skirmis Opposite Edwards Ferry Rock Town Berryville Peat Point Inburnin Hill under artilery fire 4 hours and then retreating from the 2nd battle of Bull Run on our retreat to Washington we formed a V across the road and repelled the Rebble Cavalry that was following up the rear of our army. There is a good many little places that I do not remember and if I get home before I forget them I will most likely tell you them I have been every where the Regt has been excepting 1st Bull Run and I came near killing my self trying to get there so I do not think I am to blame for not getting there. Mother "If you have been led to believe by my letters that I anxiety anxious to get home before the Rebellion is crushed, or that in the hasty letters I have written to you, that I thought the soldiers life a hard one, it is something I never intended to do. I acknowledge we do have some hard times, and that if we would give way to the impulses of a moment; one ~~fellow~~ would feel as if he could work for any body but Uncle Sam But when we get in camp and have time to get a cup of warm coffee and a slice of corn beef or more commonly called "salt horse" he feels as if he might stand it

a very little while longer
Tell Uncle James that nothing
would please me better than
to hear that Old Langan
had been checked by the cit-
ens of Irvine if U. R. were
only there he would not only
get checked but he might
some fine day have the plea-
sure of riding on the soft side
of a rough rail In your letter
you speak about the Army
of the Potomac being defeated
by mud, it is very true that
Gen Burnside issued an
order for every man to be ready
to meet the enemy on such
a day but owing to the mud
it could not be done. I can
plainly tell you that Rebs cannot

Tell Uncle James that nothing would please me better than to hear that Old Langan had been checked by the citizens of Irvine if U. R. were only there he would not only get checked but he might some fine day have the pleasure of riding on the soft side of a rough rail

Mother I can assure you I never intended to hint in any of my letters that your letters are tedious, but on the contrary it gives me great pleasure to read them and nothing I like better than long ones. I am such a poor hand to write news or anything interesting that I thought such long ones might not interest you There are at the present in our Regt about 400 men fit for a march and in our Company we draw rations for 39 men and generly 1 or 2 of them are on the sick report. Capt Brown is and has been away on a sick leave for some time

I think he will come back soon. We like him much better than we did, he has changed very much and is a good Officer in a battle

Lieutenant Lockerie is in command of our Company and Lieut Colonel Colwell Commd Regt Colwell is a very brave Invalid is no very grate parrade pet I see Sam Stettins is giving you a detailed account of our trip from Pittsburg to the seat of war. Some of those young Ladies were very liberal at Pittsburg often throwing gold dollars up in a peace of paper and giving them to the boys. I was not lucky enough to get one of those papers wheather it was because I was to busily engaged at that time a drinking some very good coffee that the liberal citizens of Pittsburg were serving to the Soldiers or not I cannot tell, Being an inexperienced youth at that time and pretty green those fine young Ladies might of taken the pains to relieve me of my pocket book which had some change in it. So I did not venture out of the car many times

Give my best respects to all of my Friends and love to Brother

Orrery

Goodby Chas. E. Anderson

Camp near Falmouth
February 27th 1863

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter of the 12th of this month this morning. We have been having some very disagreeable weather of late, snow and rain continually. We was on picket the 23rd on the banks of the Rappahannock, this river is not a very wide one nor is it very deep but its bottom is stony and it runs rapid so that it cannot be forded very easy only in certain places. The rebel pickets sat on the other side and our pickets on this side I should judge not no a hundred yards from each other, but we are not allowed to communicate with them in any way, it would seem

possible that the world could not see another down, but how different in battle, my man is ready the minute forward is given to give my life the battle in the wheat house. I have been some talk of our Regt going off where the 7th is now but I guess that is all running. It would not be a bad thing for us, we would like the change very well. I suppose that when I get home Pennsylvania will look as if brick had been rained freely freely but then I will always know Pennsylvania for if I cannot tell it by the building I can by the ground the houses stand on. They are giving out furloughs to the green in the army but they are for only fifteen days and you know that it would hardly pay us farmer boys to get them for we could only get there when we would have to turn around and come back without getting the worth of our money. It would cost about $30 or $40 for us the same to come back and I could not afford that Mother. I rather think if I were you I would not keep boarders if you can get along without but then I suppose you know best what to do. Please give my respects to Mrs Evans tell her I like soldiers life very well excepting the grub.

If you see Mrs Black give her my best respects

Tell Cousin Sandy that I want to know how she gets along. Remember me to my Helen

Love to Brother Orren and a big share to yourself

O. E. Gardner

"7"

I received a letter from Cousin
Kate Gorman a few days ago
Bill Sargent is well and getting
along fine, he is a good soldier
and a fine looking fellow

Camp near Falmouth Va
March 7th 1863

Dear Sandie

I received your kind letter this morning dated the 24th of last month. This morning our Regt was on picket but I happened to be on camp guard and I am allowed to stay in camp until this afternoon, so you see I am going to write this letter before I go out for we stay on three days this time. We have had one of the grand Reviews that the Army of the Potomac is noted for, General Pooke reviewed us, there was no charging, it does not pay until we know whether the game is worth chasing for, and then he never fails to get as many

as he wants. Ely is well and looks fine. Elys wife is also well Brinks has got a furlough for 15 days and has gone to Steuben County New York I think that he will marry, but then of course I know nothing about what he intends to do John Lynch is not in this Regt now he is the only stray lamb of the flock he joined the 1st Regt United States Regular Cavalry. I do not know what Company. I suppose the Capt is playing hot up in the State, but you know that it is very natural for a fellow that has been away roving as he has. We have received papers from home and saw letters left by Secretary of war requesting the furlough of calling this Regt home but I think there is not any use talking about getting this Regt home for we never have had that good luck. When we was at Washington last spring they wanted us to do provost duty in the City but for some reason a lot some of those rotten down politicians and nice spokers kept us from getting the place so you see I have not much hopes of getting home for the reasons that we are one of the first class Regts in the field as well as the oldest. I don't intend to beg on the subject is not so, but there was but 11 Regts in the whole Army of the Potomac that was called first class and the 1st Minn was one of them. this you will find in the Washington papers the Daily Morning Chronicle. from Mother yesterday tells me that Frank well was a good day but hold

of this 6th of March

fast was a letter me. I received a letter from Cousin Kate Godard in Quincy and her picture in it. I will send it to you so you can see it and keep it if you want to I will let you judge the beauty of the fair person and dress. She said she had got a letter a day or two before she wrote to me from Cousin Smith, he is in Virginia City Nevada Territory and getting along fine. Tell Mother when you write to the Freeports write to Pa first let them know how I am getting along

Give my best respects to all of the Friends

Chas. E. Goddard

Camp near Falmouth Va
March 14th 1863

Dear Brother

I received your kind epistle dated the 24th and 3rd of this month this evening and was pleased with its contents. We are still encamped in the same old place, in sight of the beautiful City of Falmouth but I am inclined to think that the beauty of said city has faded some since the war broke out, at least I think it has proved less attractive every day since I have seen it. The weather has been very fine for the last week, pretty cold but not so cold as to make it disagreeable for a person out doors. I think if weather continues good that a move will be the next thing we

the programme, but I notice you must not say anything about what I write, for I dont know when Gen Baker intends to move and what he intends to do when he does move, as you see it would not do to start any rumor in Boston about what I write when I dont know, but simply expressing my opinion to you, and I do not intend it for any body else. Our Regt is in good health taking things in consideration. there has no person died to my knowledge since we have been in this camp and in the 19th Maine close by us there has 1 died in some Companys of the Regt. I do not know how many has died in there Regt, but I hear a good many, and our Regt on the Peninsula would camp in swamps where that could hardly live, and we could stick it out fine, now at Harrison Landing I dont know of one case of death in our Regt, when we could hear the death march and the volys fired over some poor fellows grave, out of the Regts encamped along side of us. this is very strange to me, I can not account for it. I think that it will decide the number of deaths in our Regt since we have been in the service, that is I mean the men that have died by disease.

What I think of Gen Baker I can hardly say for I know but very little of him, but I think he is a man that aspires to become a great man and if he succeeds in handling this army as it should be he will indeed be a great man.

I send letters written home during

that the Army has been better clothed and fed than since Gen Hooker has been in Command than it ever was before, now that Gentleman is labouring under a grand mistake. in persuing Hooker I can not see the necessity of running Gen Gr. Meade down. I give Gr. the praise of being a good fighter as well as fighting and I think he is just as good as Hooker, and I think it is the honest truth that Hooker will be to rash, but we will give him a fair trial and then judge of his fighting qualities Don't discourage the Lassies of Stirling. for if they get up a chorus for this Regt or Co you need not be afraid but we will do justice to it. but then I think

that going home is played out and my candid opinion Governor Ramsey never intended to fetch us home. I think he only wrote to the secretary to satisfy the friends of this Regt. and he most likely in his letter put P.S. at the bottom and told the Sec, that he did not want this Regt home. He came to us at Camp Stone and made a speech to us and every word he said was flattery. Oh! I would like to have that Gangrow in camp about five minutes to see if we would not fix him then I am no judge of music. I wrote to Grandfather not long after I wrote my last letter to you, but I did not think of his first name untill I had sent. I have thought of it

since Robert, I guess he will
get it, I have confounded good
ink to write Mother, half of the
words I am afraid you cannot
make out. Tell Uncle Will that
I never received any letter from
him. if I had I would of answered
it long before this. Give Cousin Frank
a good kiss for me, I would like
a letter from Brother Owen tell
him to hurry up and learn to
write, Well Mother give my best
respects to all of my Friends
Give my respects to Cousin Nellie
& Charley Elg: sister is learning to
write and compose fine. she writes
Chas some fine letters
Well Mother the Cops
have been best for lights out so
Good by.
Your Son Chas E Grossman

Camp of 1st Minnesota
March 17th 1863

Dear Mother

Mr Franco of our Co. is going directly to Minnesota on a sick furlough. and thinking you would like to see any one from our Company I requested him to call on you before he comes back. With him I send a knife I found on my way from 1st Bull Run. I would like very much to keep this knife and that is the reason I send it home

Your Son
Chas. E. Goodard
Company "I"

P.S. You may think it strange that I value such a worthless piece of property. I have had it through every engagement

O. S. Sadler
Ohio

Camp near Falmouth
March 26th 1863

Dear Mother your kind letter dated the 13th of this month, I received last evening For the past two or three days, I have not been doing any duty, on account of my leg which I sprained playing ball, the necessity of keeping still a few days, I saw wright off and acordingly did so, The swelling is going down, and I think it will be as well as ever in a few days The Irish Brigade celebrated St. Patricks day with great pomp, General Meagher superintending the sports. First on the list came a horse race, the officers only

being allowed on the course. The course was about a mile long, with four places for to jump over, one being on the first second third and fourth quarter of the mile. On the first heat, after the bugal had been blown for them to start and when they come to the first jump, there was three horseman dismounted. They were very good horsemen, Gen Meagher horse won the first race and the second was won by a saint in Arthur. I dont know what his name was, then come the foot race and a number of other things that I did not stop to see for the officers were all getting drunk and it was not safe for a private who had to take it on foot or not at all, so I took my leave with a not very good opinion of Gen Meagher and his gallant Irish Brigade. There was a number of men run over and hurt, but I guess there was none killed, although I heard there was one killed. There was 3 men in Hancocks Division that had their hair shaved a part off and the other half being left on to make it look bad and then drummed out of the U.S. service through the Division that was drawn up in line, they marched to the tune of the Rogues march. They did not seem to care much for it and looked

as if they was glad enough
to get out of the service that
way. I have not forgot what
you told me before I left home
that if I could not be something
better than a corporal I would
remain a private. I am
not a corporal and more
than that I don't intend
to be. Brink has come back
he has been off on a furlough
to Stanton Co. New York. and
he fetched with him a satch
el full of cakes and butter
so I think our squad will
live on the top shelf for a while
I do not think that there
will be any more furloughs
given I have heard that the
river is open, pretty early I think
Mr Frames of our Company has
gone home to Fremont on a
sick furlough. you need not
take every thing he says for true
he tells some pretty big stories

I have not the least fear but you will be treated as good as a person could wish. I should think - after reading your last letter - that you were enjoying yourself quite very glad am I to hear it, I should not feel half as good, if I should hear that you were neglected by every body. Mother enjoy yourself as much as you can and do not trouble yourself about me, for I think I can get along very well. We received those socks and mittens that were sent in behalf of the Ladies of Ravenna, and are very much obliged to them. Capt Perian has come back and he brought that bundle you sent to me

The Captain looks very well. I would recommend the climate of Texas for sick folks. I would like very much to try it my self although I am not sick. I am very much obliged to you for those things you sent by the Capt to me

Tell Orrin to hurry and write I am looking for a letter from him every day

Give my best respects to all my Friends

Your Son Chas E Goodwin

Co "K"

P.S. Those papers that I promised to send to you, I have not received my self. Sent the money

Give my respects to the Traders

Camp near Falmouth Va April 9th 1863

Dear Mother

I expected when Orr Warner got home he would tell some pretty big stories about the Army as well as about his comrades, Company K knows him well but their friends do not and I suppose I will do no great harm if I tell you he stretches the truth a little otherwise he is a very good fellow Tell Brother Orrin that he must not get behind in his class tell him that I will make a soldier of him if he only will keep up in his class when I get home Abraham Lincoln reviewed the army of the Potomac yesterday, he looks pretty thin as if he had a good deal of thinking to do I was on picket the previous day and did not have to go on the review I do not like copper heads certainly if I did I think the Army would not be a safe place for me I would like to see every one of them strung up high and dry I wish I could have the extreme pleasure of letting the trap door slip that would end the career of that traitor Valendingham, he had better hold his peace or he will get a slight howling over the coals, and a few more of the same stamp will get the same Governor Ramsey has been to see this Regt and presented a State flag to us I was on picket at the time of the presentation but I heard him make a few remarks to the

Regt the night before on dress parade and I thought he was pretty good at flattery, he was the same when he visited us at Camp Stone Bridge. Your letters Mother give me great pleasure and besides I find you keep me well informed. I do not remember of ever getting any letter from you in which you spoke of getting Cousin Sylvias picture I sent it to you some time ago There is little or no news at present every thing quiet along the Rappahannock

Last easter sunday three of us boys in this tent concluded to have some eggs so we brought three dozen of the latter and paid him $1,00 or 50 cts. stogen and have quite a feast

Excuse my short letter but I have nothing to write

My best respects to all the Friends
love to Brother Aaron
and your self

Chas. E Goddard

Camps near Falmouth Va
April 18th 1863

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter this evening, but I guess I do not receive all of them This one was dated the 5 & 9th of this month I recd a letter from you and in it you spoke about Amos burial but nothing further I had read in a Boston paper of the death of little cousin. My leg is entirely well now I think, if I feel it any where it will be on a march, it was the same each I hurt at Fort Snelling. It has bothered me some since I have been in the army especially at night through a rough country, but never before laid me up, I do not think it will trouble me much in

time to come. Old Gen Hooker is I think preparing to attack the enemy but when I dont know, only 8 days rations on the march & in the knapsack and three in the haversack, you will probably hear of the move before this letter gets to you or there will not be any now. I thanked Mr Brink for you and he sends his best wishes to you. There is no danger of us soldiers getting more eggs and ham than is good for us, they are only worth 50 cts a dozen and ham I dont know the price but I can assure you they will charge enough to make a fellow wink Mother you know Uncle Sam cannot let us all go home and in order to let some go home he must limit their stay and 15 days being the most we can have I think I had best not get a furlough to go home at least for it is not of sufficient length to insure my return at the appointed time and then the once would be to pay. I think some of getting a furlough to go to Pa but dont know how it will be yet. You and I are of a different opinion about the fighting. I think there will be some of the hardest kind of fighting yet Warner is no friend of mine nor is he an enemy, he is a strange old fellow and I dont not know but you would think him a great swell, I for one do not like a person to go back from the army and tell such big stories and he being one of

that kind I thought I would
let you know. I got a letter from
Uncle Grant write a few days
ago, This is a beautiful morning
my (99) and is sunday morning
I have to go on picket in about
five minutes, you know there
is no sunday for a soldier.
Well good by Mother

please give Cousin Frank,
and Emma a couple of kisses
for me, my best respects to
all of the friends

Your Brother

Chas E Dodson

Camp before Fredricksburg April 27th 1863.

Dear Friend

Your kind letter of the 18th was received yesterday, containing a pocket handkerchief For this I thank you, it is not only a usefull article but every time I see it it puts me in mind of the kind friend who sent it. Such a gift is one of the greatest encouragements to a soldier. he knows then that he is not forgotten by his former friends. The papers to-night are full of encouraging news, and I hope soon that they will have the opportunity of to chronicle some from the army of the Potomac. The weather is favorable for an move and if it continues so, I think the army will not lay idle long. We are all in good spirits one great reason is we have just received our pay. Charlie is well and will write shortly. I remain as ever

your friend

Chas. E. Ely

Camp near Falmouth
April 29th 1863

Dear Mother I recd
your kind letters, one that had
a pocket handkerchif and
the other a furlouth wrote shortly
after. I am very thankful to
get the things you send me
but I can not let you send
me without something to
get with. We have been paid
off and I have inclosed $30, or
Thirty Dollars for you I have
gave up the Idea of going to
Pa for there are two men ahea
d of me and it will be 90 days
before I can go and maby not
then so I think as you me
nt needed the money I will jest
send it to you. I want two lit
le things I wish you would
send me. a silk neck tie

not a very larg one and one of those kind that I youngsters wore, to use my own expression "a sailors tie and a fine (good) fine coat over that will not brake, these are all the things I want under the sun and I dont want you to keep sending things all the time. I have kept money enough to buy all the little necessary article I want and if I cant get them I can go without them. You will have some news from the Army of the Potomac before long. I was on picket yesterday and before I went I gave Brink instructions to send off Papers to you if we moved before I got back and we had orders to be sent them to you I guess you will get them

Good bye Mother
& Brothers

Tell Brother Owen that I am sorry that I have not time to answer his little letter

I am in a hurry

Chas. E. Goodwin

Camp near Falmouth Depot,
May 12th 1862
[1863?]

Dear Mother:

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(It has been some time since I have written to you and also some time since I rec'd a letter from you. Chas Ely wrote to his Mother just after the battle and as I could not well get paper and ink I thought it quite sufficient so I did not write.) I hardly know whether Joe Hooker has got the worst of the fight, or has given the Reb's all they wanted. It is a greatdeal mixed up here. We don't know hardly what to think of Hooker's fighting qualities yet, but would not like to have him removed until he has another trial. We were not engaged in this battle, but came under some severe artillery fire. Two from our Company were wounded — C. Boardman & Cp. Shaw. Our Regt is in splendid condition, as is, I think, the whole of our Brigade. It is not easy to take those old raft men on the Mississippi and break them down in two years. I have been running all day with my shoes off and it seems quite

like old times. We are very close to the Army Supply Depot, and on the banks of the Rap- As we stand on the parade ground we can look on the ruins of Fred- for it is all most battered to peaces,) There is one steeple on one of the Churches in the town that has 15 cannon ball holes in it that I know of, and I never very closly inspected it. I had the satisfaction of getting up on those heights in the rear of Fredericksburg - if it was only for a short time.

General Sully, who was our Colonel on the Peninsula, and was promoted to Brig adier not long since, has been ordered to report for duty against the Indians in Minnesota. He made a few remarks to the Brigade before he left. We all loved him dearly. Mother, I wish you to know what Brig., Div, & Corps I am in, so if I get in a fight you can find where and how we were situated, viz: 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 2d Army Corps. Our Brigade is commanded by Gen Caughlin; (I dont know how he spells it this the way it is pronounced) ~~and~~ the Division by Gen Gibbins; and the Corps by Gen Couch. Couches other Division was up with Gen Hooker in the late Engagement, We were selected to stay and drop here as soon as Sedgwick came up and attacked them on the left. The Negroes were very happy when we marched through at the town. (We have the news here that Gen Jackson has been wounded and had to have his arm amputated.) There are a good many women here at the Lacy house hospital attending to the wounded they seem to be doing a gordeal of good. (I suppose you have heard of Mrs Lee, she hold some position in the Sanalary Commission, the boys have a story around about her taking a peace of a cracker box and whipping 4 Secesh Ladies for not treating our soldiers as well as the Rebs (I mean wounded) I suppose Mother you have got the $35.00 I sent you before this movement commenced Come to think Mother I did receive a letter from you here before the fight was ended but did not think of it until now You spoke about Henry Boyson being to see you. Henry is just one of the best kind of German boys and I hope he will enjoy **him self**. Them boys that are shooting themselves up there in Wisconsin

could come down here and get shot I think without the trouble of shooting them selves. One of our boys has just handed me a segar - probably you dont apreciate the value of a good segar but then a soldier can. Mother I and Ely had our pictures taken and was going to send them to you and Mrs Ely but they over taken out of the port folio and strange to say I cannot get any clue of them whare abouts, but there I think you can see the original about the 29th day of April 1864

All Brother Orren that it is when I get out of the army now. I think if you saw a real Battle field you would be some surprised. a goodeal of crouching when they can do so and a goodeal of "give it to them boys", the most harrising of all things to troops is to take them where artilery can get good range and the infantry cannot retaliate Well Mother my supply of news is pretty well exausted and I think I will wind up with my best Respects to all of my Friends Love to Brother Orren and your self

Your Son Chas E Goddard

the paints look streaked.
All I want now is that such
tie and third dont put your
self to any more trouble on my
account I dont mind any thing
more at present. You may not
think the excuse I give for Henry
not taking those things a good one
but to tell the truth let Henry be
where he may and they ask him
any favor and he cannot refuse
when he had ought to for their sake
as well as his own, he is one of that
good natured kind of boys that
is willing but still not able to do
any body favors. I would like
to know how you get along
with that lot of boxes, have you
got the taxes all paid and
every thing strait

Orren wrote me a little letter
not long since and I failed to
answer it

Here

Dear Brother Orren

I got your nice little letter a good
while ago and it was a nice one

Your Brother Chas Goddard

Falmouth Depot Va
May 18th 1868

Dear Brother your kind
letters dated the 30th April 3d May
5 do and one dated the 11th
came duly to hand this evening
The ones dated 30 April 3rd & 5th May
has been without doubt been
misplaced and failed to come thro
ugh as quick as the one dated 11th
Henry Boyson has returned from
his furlough, and he looks fine
as if he had enjoyed him self
He came to me and told me he
was very sorry that he could not
fetch the things you wanted to
send, he had so much he could
not carry all the things and
as his time was fast going he
could not bother with a trunk,
I am very much obliged to kind
Brother for the things you would

have sent had you the chance
I am getting along fine here
we are not over 40 rods from the
Depot where all the Army Supply
come to and can most any
moment walk down and
buy what little things we need.
it may be a little crowded but
a Soldier can soon get through
a crowd if his education befit
ting a Soldier is complete. again
I thank you very much for what
you would have sent also my
sincere thanks to Mrs Jeff for her
interest in my wellfare. Pleas
give my thanks to Matthew
& Thomas Norton Aunt Mary
Jane Lucelo Will and to all
tell them that I am as thank
full as if I had recd the good
things Tell Albert Inos & Henry
Dale that I send them
my best wishes for their futur
wellfare How you came to get
them pictures is a mystery
in my mind, Charley Ely
and my self thought them
lost. We did not put them in
the office I nor any one in
our tent did not and when
they were missing we thought
them stolen, as their was a
letter with five Dollars enclosed in
it close by the pictures. I think
some person put them in the
office thinking to do us a favor
The pictures were very good and
I thought I would not have any
taken but Charley wanted one to
send home and he being too
dark to take good we got them
taken to gather, you can see in
the one you have got that the
man was in a great hurry, he
painted the pants before the
picture was dry consequently

May 17th

Pleas dont let any one read my letters. Our Conway our Chaplain wishes to be remembered to you, he is very busy taking care of the wounded and distributing the American Messenger a Christian paper the boys like him for taking care of the wounded

On the other sheet in this letter you will see that I did not give you a bit of the news, if there is any to give. Our Regt is in fine spirits not at all downhearted at what some of our leading journals call defeat, and I think that all the Troops are feeling as good as our selves. Ball Draills Foot races and dancing seem to be the order of the times, that is when it is cool enough, for you must remember that it is getting quite warm down here now. The country around looks splendid now the grass having got quite long so that it makes the late Battle fields look as if they had never tasted human blood. I was on the Picket front on duty the other night

and the night being very quiet I could hear the Rebs talking, all the evening there had been an old mill in Fredricksburg grinding something, one came down to the waters edge and stood there a few moments when the picket on duty, addressed him in the following language, how is the mill getting along, don't grind worth a d— or where upon the other one cursed old Stonewall and went back up the bank I think that looks as if Old General Stonewall did make some impression as well on his front as he did in his rear I am glad to see that Stonewall is going to do something instead of running like fun when the Rebel Cavalry gets after. The Report in camp is that Gen Hooker told some of the Corps Commanders that he was going to show some of the boys a dead Cavalry man one and a while, I dont remember of ever seeing but one dead Cavalry man since I have been in the service and that was when we went to Malvern Hill once reconnoitered Eby is well and sends his respects to you Charley Korth is well and fat as he can well be without injuring him for a Soldier H. A. Brink is also well. I dont know how John Lyon is getting along I have not seen him for some time and when I did see him he felt indisposed

Well Brother it is fast drawing towards taps if I keep burning my candle I may get a very cold birth in the guardhouse So goodby Brother love to Brother Orren and your self Chas E Goddard

Camp Near
Falmouth Va
May 27th 1863

Dear Mother your kind letter was received last evening, containing a neck tie. Why I did not write when Eby did was becaus I thought if he wrote it would be enough at that time and I would give you a long letter when I got where I could do so conveniently. Why our Army recrossed the river is more than I know and I suppose there is a great many in the same fix, if I could tell

gave us plenty of shell, still we kept on moving to the weight and the rebs thinking they had better have some more men where we were going ordered troops up from the right our left and put them in the rifle pits in front of us, then Gen Sedgwick went in and cleaned out the rebs from where they had taken reinforcements to cope with us. I would not censure any one of our Gens without knowing more than I do at the present moment about their real positions and intentions

you I would do so, but
being as ignorant as you
self of the position of the
Army up the river I can
not give you any reliable
information. please remem
ber that our Division was
here at Fredricksburg and
we could not possably know
any thing about any other
part of the field, as for
the heights in the rear of
the City I think that
we could of held them
if they would only have let this
Division go in and give
them a trim, instead
of that they withdrew this
Div - to this side of the
river and allow the
Rebels to come up on the
heights without fighting
away. I dont know
what was Gen Brooks
plans so I dont know
whether he was out
Generaled or fell back
on account of the two years
men time being out.
there certainly are a great
many going home now
Our Gen worked a sharp
game to get the reb routed
out of the pitts when we
first erfed. Ordering all of
our Division to the right
and in going to the right
we had to go over about
320 rods of ground that
was perfectly smooth. here they

that it will fairly suit
a fellow. Brother you say
you are going to trade your
lot if you do trade, trade
to your advantage not
for accomodation, for this
world is composed of
Robbers Villians and honest
men, if you should happen
to get a hold of the former
class, your being a widdow
would not make any
difference Here I have been
giving you advise about
trading and come to look
at the letter you are going
to trade with Uncle James
so I am not afraid of him
cheating you abit, but Brother
you had better get your a lot

where you like it and
then stick to it and if
I get home next spring
as I expect to I will try
and fix Orren and you
a home. I will not say any
thing more about it
Brother do you ever visit
William Smiths Brother
any. you know it is our
business to look after the
Brothers of such men as
Bill was. I often think
of her poor Mother I sup
pose her son was all the
world to her and it must
have broken her heart
almost to loos him, he
was a good boy and Splendid
Soldier Tell Cousin Ellen

I would like very much
to go to some of the parts
you speak of, but I think
I could not walk 15-00
miles and enjoy my self
much in one evening,
so I will have to be satif
ied with the priolage of
of thinking of home and
its enjoyments William
Sargeant has gone to
Boston on a furlough,
he started a few days
ago. Brother our pictures
were taken in our every day
clothes, for we had no other
kind, so you could not
expect to get good pictures
Tell Brother Owen that
although I have changed

We have a Division
drill the other day, such
a time all dust and
no water for about 12
hours. We had Brigade
inspection the other day
and marched about
a mile to the ground
then passed in review
and was reviewed then
marched a short way
around to get to camp,
Our Brigade is commu
anded by Morehead a
regular old leather head
he is and grumy, we lost
a good deal when Sulley
left us, this old fellow keeps
us drilling all the time
and the sun is so hot

up in the deserted
camps of the two years
and 9 months men
that have gone home.
You had ought of been
at the Depot the other
day when the 127th P.V.
went home, they have
been noted for their cow
ardice, and when they
went home the boys of
all the Regts around here
groaned for them, and
asked them how they
liked Fredricksburg
&c, the officers fairly foamed
at the mouth, but did
not do them any good
Dont be any afraid but
what I can get along
with the money I kept
for my own use for I
can do without for
that matter, I have
money yet. Lenny
Bryson told us all about
Winona, but then not
quite so well as one of
our Yankee boys for he
dont take as much not
ice of new things

Do you ever hear
any thing of Benjamin
Low. I havent heard from
Benny in a long time
he may of went up the
spout long ago. (Spout
a favorite expression of the
collard individual)

Ely is well and also

is Chas. Scott
John Tyrrel I have
not heard from for some
time A. A. Brink is
well and doing his re-
ular duty. Brother I
have wrote this letter
in a running hand
or rather swinging hand
and with the nonsense
that is in it and the
writing whether intelligible
remains to be seen
Love to Brother Orrin
and your self
Respects to all of my
Friends

Your Son
Chas. E. Coddaro

my mind about
taking a rooster off
and fighting him but
I think it perfectly right
to keep one that is able
to defend his own home
We have had splendid
news from the South
West, but do not place
any reliance on the
newspapers for my ca-
ndid opinion is they
will tell most any thing
for money, good or bad
Sir. I will and myself
brink together and
a splendid tent we
have you know, we have
no less than 8 shelter
tents that we have pick-
ed

Camp near D. Depot
May 31st 1863

Dear Mother your kind letter was only received this evening, it was dated May 26th We have been having any thing but nice weather lately, not rainy, but so dry and dusty that a fellow can hardly breathe, I suppose that a citizen would call it fine, but it hath no charms for me, we have to do so much marching reviewing and Paradeing that such weather is very disagreeable, a little rain would make it very pleasant

When I read your letter to whare the lot had been taken to pay for the tax. I was rifpiring away but when I come to whare it was redeemed I was all bright again. We have been paid again, two months pay this time $26.00 twenty six Dollars ($15.00) fifteen of which I enclose to you, and then I have for my self $12.00, but will send you part of this if you need it bad, it may be some time before we get paid again, although the report is current that hereafter we are going to be paid every 2 months if so I can send more

Every time I think of old Frank I have to laugh, he presentes rather a comical looking picture when he attempts to climb a greased pool one fourth July, with his pockets full of sand and would keep applying the sand to his hands to keep from slipping down. I guess he has been partaking to freely of intoxicating drinks, he is very fond of firing salutes but it costs him something once and a while I suppose you remember the time he shook all the glass out of the brick bank windows with that old six pound brass piece and then paid damages.

Dear Sis in send this away

I was on picket yester
day at the Lacy house,
the Rebs are very quiet
about talking acros they
did yell over some after Jo
Hooker has recrossed the
river but I think they dont
much like the way
Grant is coming the
grizzly on them in the
west. The Sanitary
Commission Depot is
at the Lacy house and
Mrs Lee makes her head
Quarters there. Old Gen
Hancock is in command
of this Corps now, but I
think only a while Couch
goes home on a furlough,
he probably will be back soon

Eb rec.d a letter from his mother to night, but he complains of no news, I dont want to complain you for I dont like to be complimented my self, but I do think you might more news than most of the people writing from their, some how some people will write to a fellow and devote the whole of his or her letter to reminding you that they want all the news that you can possably pick up, but I am very fortunate not to have any such exasperants I saw Creek review our Division the other day, riding past with

more dashing young officers tied to his heels than old Gen Hooker and that is usely. I got a letter from Cousin Smith Goddard now in Nevada Territory and he sais he dont like the country but that wages are very high from $3,00 to $4,00 per day, he also sais that provisions wer high in proportion to wages He thinks he will come back to the States in about 18 months or two years and take the world easy as long as he lives, I think from what he sais that he is sick of the new country Well Brother give my respects to all of my friends love to Brother C E Goddard

Camp 1st Minnesota
Q. Depot June 1st 1863

Dear Mother

This morning I received your kind letters of the 31st of May and 29 of June. I suppose by this time, you have received the money I sent to you 4 $5, or I just mention it to that I can find out whether it has been lost on the way or not. I am almost afraid some times that some of the money I send to you, will get lost, if not stolen, and consequently I feel a great deal of anxiety until I hear from it. A portion of the army of the Potomac is across the river just below the city, they seem to be taken things cool, dont look a bit as if they was going to fight, and to tell the truth I dont think

they will, but I cannot tell. I think if the Rebs try to make any move or take any troops away to reinforce Vicksburg, that Hooker may give them a turn. We are still in our old camp, on the bank of the river, and a putting on more stile than we did when we went on Parade in the Capital Park Washington, just before the Peninsula campaign. We have a report that old Stonewall has been giving the Rebs a little fight and got pretty well cut up, but that he captured about 500 prisoners. Our Brigade is commanded now by our General Weaver to some kind of a drag I dont know what kind of a man he is yet, for he only took command last evening, but I think he is much better than Morehead, for Morehead was just no general at all, no body likes him, and all we glad when this man came to relieve him, rather a great deal run the chance of getting a worse man than keep him. Brother this ink is so pale that I can hardly see what I have wrote. Speaking about Aunt Mary Jane's adopted girl makes me think of Aunt Lotty's adopted girl at Lewisburg and some relations came and took her away. I suppose Cousin Hellen is going to school yet and I have not the least doubt learning fast. I am very glad to hear that Brother is getting so near to stronger, he will be quite a help, if he dont have the failing I did when I was at home. Their is no news to write so I will close this letter promising to write all the news interesting here after. I send 50 cts for three white kid gloves, not-kinds.

Yours Bye

Chas. E. Dearborne

we will get a chance
Well Mother I will quit
with my respects to all my
friends

Love to Brother Orren
and good chance to yourself

Sgt. E. Geddes

Camp Near Centerville Va
June 20th 1863

Dear Mother.

Your kind
letter with those kid gloves
and information of the safe
passage of my letter containing
fifteen in Uncle Sam's
promise to pay, arrived safe
yesterday, those kid gloves are
just the kind I wanted, but
they was most to large, but that
does not make much difference
for I can wear them any
how. (Since I last wrote we have
been doing some "tall" marching.
There have been no less than 70
men who fell dead out of this Corps
from Rappahannock Depot to Fairfax Station
caused by the hard marching
and excessive heat, There has been
a great many disabled, also
about 1200 disabled and dead.
(over)

Gen Hancock has been in command of the second Corps since we left the Depot, Gen Couch having been ordered up in Pennsylvania some two or three days previous to our marching. We have heard here that the Rebs are up in Chambersburg, and most all of the boys rejoice at the news, saying that it will hurt out some of those skinks in Pennsylvania. I think myself that if we can only get some of the money men of New York and Pa in a tight row of stumps that they will open their books and help rais equipments and soldier traps enough to rais the Quotas of the two named states, then let them come in and help us give them a good whipping that will end the war. I dont need any thing now Mother, I can draw government socks and they will do to campaign with this summer. I would rather you would not go and get money of the County or City, if you can get along all right without it, if you cant, of course you would be justified in getting what you could, I will try and send you all the money I can. This makes the third time that I have been to this place, the 1st time I was not fit to fight, the 2d time I could just fight and that was all, the 3d and last time, I believe I could fight pretty good, doubtful wheather

Division Hospital Near Gettysburg
Pa July 4th 1863

Dear Mother

We have engaged the Enemy again but this time as a free entirely, and our Company as well as the Regt have suffered very much. Eli and my self are both wounded, Eli through the side and my self through the leg and shoulder, I do not know how Eli is this morning. [illegible] very dangerous, I am not dangerously wounded, feel first rate and I would like you to give your self no uneasyness on my

account, nor do I think there is any
need of Mrs Ely worrying about her son
I have not seen him for I am not able
to help my self on account of my leg
or I would have gone to his assistance, he was
fetched off of the field and brought to
the hospital where I was and then the
hospital was moved again and I have
not seen him since Capt A Perrin is wounded
badly Sargt Warren, Corp Kelly, Durfee, Eaton Hanson
Baker, Ennfeldt, and Sargt Carpenter slightly
S. Durr badly, Killed Corpl P. Gore, Private Taylor
Gerrier. Smith, Winters, Cosy, these I know
of how many more I dont know

Lorenzo, Dear Lorenzo, Write me whatever
all happens as it has Pa.

Well Mother good by
dont be so ffolish as to come
down here and worry about
me for I am getting along
fine. dont let any body see
this letter but if they want to
know if any of there friends
are wounded you can tell them
The Chaplain will make out
an official report and then
the people of Pine will know

the true story

C. E. Goddard

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Washington City
July 12th 1863.

(M)

Mrs Catherine A Smith,
Winona, Minn,

Madam:

On visiting the Hospital of our wounded, the other day, at Gettesburg, I found your son, Charles E. Goddard, and young Ely together; they were both wounded in the great battle at that place. I found your son very cheerful and confident of recovery. I do not think that there is any great danger in his case. Your son fought bravely, as did all the Minnesotians, and cheerfully submits to the sufferings which only the generous and brave can endure

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without murmuring.

There are plenty of nurses at this Hospital - kind women and benevolent men from the Free States - are in attendance to see that the brave defenders of our country shall not suffer for any attendance condusive to their comfort or speedy recovery. I hope that you will see him soon again restored to health.

I shall try and have our wounded sent home to Minnesota.

Very Truly Yours,
M. L. Wilkinson.

Gen'l Hospital
Broad & Cherry Street
Philadelphia Pa

July 19th

Dear Mother

Since I have come here I have found Chas Ely he is in ward B. of this Hosp and he is doing finely he can walk around seemingly with-out exerting himself I am getting along fine but can not walk without crutches. I think it will not be very long before I can hobble around. I was much surprised when we came to Baltimore to see the Ladies and men fly around to get us something to eat and drink and wash our wounds put new cloths on us and treat us fine When we went to washington

Write a few lines to me by return of mail
Charles Ely
Ward B
Gen'l Hospital
Broad & Cherry Street
Philadelphia Pa
I think I can walk pretty soon
a great deal better
Yours

in 1861 we passed through Baltimore with 40 rounds of cartridges in our box and one in our guns expecting to be fired into by the citizens of the City We recd great attention from the Ladies and Gentlemen of the city of Wilmington State of Delaware, the rail road being littered lined with men women and children for over a mile every thing you could wish for they had to give us and it was about 10 or 11 o'clock when we came through there. There is at the present time about 700 Patients in this hospital and we find it pretty hard place to get out if we was able, the windows having locks on them and wire over the outside to prevent any person from getting out but if the officers can keep me in here after I get well enough to go out they will have to keep there left eye open I am bound to see the city of Philadelphia before I leave for the Regt. I would like to go up and remain but I have not the money so I will have to remain here

Well Mother Good by I have no news to write

Respects to all Friends

Love to Brother

And do not forget your self

G. C. Goddard

I recd a letter from Laird McCormie and he says that aunt and Mr Miller are down to Gran-Father. Gran-Father and Miller went as far as Harrisburg for State defence

nothing more at present

With respect

C. E. Goddard

Respects to Aunt and Mrs Black

Love to Brother & Willie

Broad & Cherry Street
Philadelphia
July 26th 1863

Dear Brother Orren

Mother is withe me, she is stoping at the hotell not far from here, she says you are out to Uncle John's. and I know you are getting along fine, for you must be a pretty brave boy by this time

Mother is coming back to Winona in a few days

Good by

Charley

Uncle J. C.

Mother desired me to write a few lines to Brother & knowing as I do that he is with you I take the liberty to direct in your name also to write a few lines to you

Mother arrived here a few days ago, it surprised me very much indeed to see her comming up the steps in this ward and Mrs Ely her companion They have been distributing eatibles to the wounded 1st wine: cake. jelly: &c but it is against orders and I think they had better do as all the rest do that come here - give to the Matron, they would not do that at first thinking the Matron would not give it to the 1st Minn boys. The Matron gives to those that she has on her diet book and they as soldiers that are wounded so bad they cant eat the regular grub that is served to us, so if a Minn boy happens to be on the diet book he will see the same attention that any body does

All of the boys out of our Company are getting along fine. Most all in this Hosp are slightly wounded only a few bad or as the Doctor calls them "interesting cases"

They are drafting in the city now, no body attempts to resist the draft.

There are about 700 Patients in this Hosp, some 78 in this Ward. Mother & Mrs Ely went out to Chestnut Hill Hosp looking up the Minn boys yesterday, they found a good many names there and saw a good many of the Regt

Tell Brother Mother desires him to be a good boy until she comes back

I thought I would write a few words so that he could read them, maby it will please him

Genl Hospital Broad & Cherry Street
Philad. Pa. Aug 14th 1863

Dear Mother

Nothing gives me more pleasure than your letters and consequently I have been anxously waiting for a line from you. Mrs Eby got a letter stating you got home all safe, but still none for me, I began to think the mail or mail carrier were treacherous. I am very sorry you should think Mother that I did not care for you, it certainly was no pleasure for you to go around in the crowded streets of Philad with one that could not navigate any better than I. Then you wanted me to go to Lewisburg with you, I had no clothes, I had no money to buy clothing or to pay my expences, how could you expect me to, What would you had me do when you left for home, you would not want me to cry before all of the hospital and my comrads think I was a baby. As long as I live it shal be my aim to promote your happyness and make for you a home. That I have been a bad boy I have never denied to any body, but to be accused of no feeling it certainly dose not agree with me, especally to a Mother who came all the way from Maine to see me.

I have wrote enough such lingo. Mrs Eby & Charley are at the present with her friends here in the city, she succeded in getting a mother 10 day pass for Charley & now she intends to stay away untile he recovers pass or no pass

Those two men along this row of beds on this side of the house have died and the rest of the row are pretty bad, that makes 4 that have died and there are only about 6 in the row

leaving two to keep up the old line of beds
Eaton has been pretty bad, but is getting some
better now, he seems quite lively I think if it was
not for that he would not get alone so well
Mat is about the same, dont seem to change for the
better or worse. Bill Kinyon is getting along quite
well he gets passes and goes out in the park
where it is much cooler than here. I do the same
my wound is not well yet but will be about
the last of this month. I had the pleasure of hearing
Mr Murdock the celebrated tragedian & comedian
actor lecture on the present state of American
affairs, he is a talented speaker, it was at
the Academy of music Well Mother I have no
news to write that I know of, most all I have
write is old. I did not expect any money and
I would rather you would not send any more,
you shall have this again as soon as I get
paid. Give my love to brother Orrin and respects
to all of the friends

With my compliments to Mrs Kiff
and love to you I remain your dedicant son

C E Goddard

Mrs
M L Smith

P S I can get a furlough as
soon as paid. I shall procede to Lewisburg
- will soon Your night-dress Mrs Ely has got
Your Bond and will take care of
it for you

Aug 17th I was not able to send this letter
yesterday for the want of stamps but to day I got some
as well as bought me a pare of shoes, my slipers are worn
out - and I could not draw any without my deception

U. S. Genl. Hospital Broad & Cherry St.
Philad.a Pa. Aug 30th 1863.

Dear Mother

I have been anxoully waiting for a few lines from you since I last wrote but I had no Idea you wer sick until Mrs Eaton came down here to see her son. She said you had been pretty sick but you wer much better when she left. I was glad to hear that for you will likely soon recover. I think I shall go to the Regiment in the course of a couple of weeks. I am sorry to say that in all probability what boys are in the Hospital from our Co. without their descriptive list will not get any pay. I have been down stairs to see if Charley Eby's & my lists were here but navy oneard they clerks tell me we cannot get any pay without them. I thought we might get two months pay for we had been mustered for that in the Army but they say here No. I have no clothing nor can I get any until my descriptive comes and when will that be. To tell the truth so I have to go to the Regt for clothing. Our Regiment are on Governors Island N. Y. Harbor, how long they will remain there they are ignorant. Colonel Colvill is now a Brigadier, making the 5 Brigadier the 1st Minnesota has made since they have been in the service. One of the Lieutenants of our Regiment stepped off the boat at Alexandria and drowned. There is Nothing of importance to write more. With my respects to all the friends and love to Brother Orrey and yourself I remain your Son C. C. Goddard

I am very much
obliged to you for
that silver half
dollar. I would
like very much
to send this coat
to you but I have
nothing els to ware.
Give my respects
to Cousin Helen and
a kiss to little Frank

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U. S. Gen Hosp. Broad and Cherry Street
Philad. Pa. Sept 4th 1863.

Dear Mother

I was favord with a letter from you this morning which I had been so long expecting. I am glad to hear that you have recovord from your late illness. that journey home all alone was too much for you. Charley Ely is in the Hospt. now, but I do not think he will stay long for I went to Gen. Dana the other day and got a recommendation for a furlough from the Gen. himself for Charley and I think he will get a furlough soon then his Mother will take him home Matthew Marvin got a furlough and has gone home. Joe Eaton is getting one. I cannot get one for I have not the money to defray my expences and we won't get any here for our descriptive lists are not here. I will be obliged to go back to the Regt to get clothing although I shall not do duty for a long time. The Regiment are on long island in one of the parks, some think they will go to Texas, others to the Army of the Potomac again. Tell Aunt Lidy I will get my picture as soon as I can do so conveniently and then she shall have it I have no clothing now.

Pleas excuse my short letter
My love to brother Orrin & Your self
Chas E. Goddard

Camp Distribution
Sept 21st 1863.

Dear Mother

Supposing the Regiment in N.Y. I left the Broad & Cherry Street Hospital the 12th of this month and arrived at N York City about 4 o'clock the morning of the 11th to find the 1st Minnesota Regt gone for Alexandria and from there the Provost Marshals sent us to Coo Island to await transportation, there we staid until the 16th then we embarked for Alexandria on board of the Atlantic and after a rough sail of 4 days and nights we arrived here in this distribution Camp. I am quite well. Expect

to stay here some 2 weeks and I think it would be safe for you to write to me here.

With this short letter to show you where I am and love to Brother Orrin I remain your Son

Chas. E. Goddard

P.S.

I saw Trinity Church
Barnum's
City Hall Astor House
Wall Street
Tombs -

Broadway is the first time I was in N York City. I do not mean the inside but just the buildings. I often had a desire to see N York City & now I can say I have seen it

Camp Near Rapidan River
Sept 28th 1863

Dear Mother

Not long after I had wrote to you from Camp Distribution the order came for the 2d Corps to get their Regt and then it was I was sorry that I had wrote to you and told you I thought a letter might get to me before I left, but if one comes up missing you can account for it in that way. I came here a few days ago and found the boys all quite well, Charley North will soon be promoted to a Sergeant. They did not expect me back so soon. I recd a line from Chas Ely not long ago he was getting along fine then, but I suppose Chas kept his Mother I mean and in that case you would know

One more of the boys that left the Co and inlisted in the Cavalry has been killed Herand A. Brink is in one of the Hospitals around Washington.

Tell Aunt Lida that I could not get my picture taken in Philad, but the first opertunity I will get it taken and send to her. My love to Brother Owen and yourself

Your Son.

C. E. Godwin

To
his
Mother. C. M. Smith

more about him than I could, for was also getting quite well, his game leg almost as well as the other one. The boys in the Co are all the time talking about what a fine time they had for furlough they would fling in the fire for the privilege to visit Brooklin's in the City of B. where they ever treated to a nice dinner and invited out in squads to sup & dine with the patriotic people of B., and the Regt has the name of being the most orderly Regt that was there, all most impossible to keep the people from taking the flag (which has been through a goodly number of fights and possesses a very tatered appearance) for keep sakes, but what numbers of letters the boys weekly receive from the fair ones of Brooklin in which they express their tender regards for the gallant 1st. I saw Lieutenant Ball the other evening, he is quite well, also the Chaplain, he says Mrs Ely is at home, that is the first time I have had any reliable information, I knew she was going home but I could not tell what might turn up to keep her in Phila.d. I hope by this time you are feeling quite well again, the Chaplain received a line from T. Simpson and he did not say anything about your being sick and I concluded you were feeling some better. There was some picket firing when the boys first come here but none of our Regiment got hurt, we are now under the Enemys guns but so masked behind the woods that they cannot tell where we are. I am not on duty yet, have no gun

(a goodly) Mr Sargeant is healthy and strong better known as young Sargeant but known in the Co as to strong jack

Pleas give my best respects to all of my friends & especially tell Eliza Walton if she is there that I have sadly neglected my friends. Remember me to Cousin Hellen little Franky & all the little folks

Camp Near Rappahannock River
Oct. 5th 1863

Dear Mother

Your kind letter of the 27th of Sept. was duly received last evening. We are still in the same camp, but do not expect to be long for there are at the present moment troops here to relieve us but not until dark so that we can go back undiscovered by the enemy, who can see our every movement almost, so much better is his position than ours, but what I have wrote is not proper and so not say any thing about it. Very sorry and I that I was unable to get my picture taken, but it has not been so with all of the boys. I send you Charley Noble and John Manning's which I would like you to save for me, they were taken when the Regiment was off on that raid on Brooklin. The other day the rebs sent a few shells over to our side, fell enough to make it exciting, they did no damage. Please tell Syrus I wish him a happy time and would like very much to get a look if not a bite of the wedding cake. Sherry will most likely get married next, tell him to make a good selection, if a man ever needs good judgment it is about that time. I am not doing much yet and do not expect to for some time, but if the Regiment gets into a fight I will pick up a gun and try my luck again, I think I can wax them next time. I think we will most likely move back Culpeper C.H. and lay in reserve as we have been in front since the Army has been here. Our kept cooled to day but I had to keep in the shade as I could not use unless I and 21 and that a fellow has to prove to, that is the worst of it, but tell Mr. Ely I cracked mind up as a big big fellow for the office, he is running for mat

consequently got a good many to cast their vote for Miller, the Regiment most all voted for Old Miller as governor, they say he made a poor military man but will make good governor. I have heard nothing from Charley Eby since I last wrote you and Mrs Eby's death is news to me, I thought she was home long ago. Major Dowey has got back and some more officers with him.

Pleas give my love to Brother Orren and good shake to yourself

Remember me to all of the Friends

O C Goddard

Co "K" 14th Illinois

P S

Mighty confounded cold here now

Camp near Bull Run October 17th 1863

Dear Mother. The last letter I wrote to you was from Camp near Rap-
hine to relieve us and I thought we would go back to Culpeper and rest a wh
a month, and very shortly we found it to be a retreat. We got along finely, but had
from Warrenton Junction we were our cavalry had quite a brush, but our infantry did
the evening very early shelling the rear of the 3rd Corps trains and very nearly cu
skirmishers and soon engaged the rebel skirmishers, not long after the engag
opened, we in the fight for I had my things all packed on the h
there was but few of our men hurt. I might have found a gun if I had not had the
not make my horse get up and go along, riding from one hill to an
I send you here a piece I clipped from the New York paper describing the
to ship the six from New York to Alexandria. I am writing on a piece

TOTAL .....

Regimental

HEADQUARTERS: Bull Run Creek

STATION:

DATE: October 17th 1863

Station: .....

Date: .....

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you at the time that the 6th Corps was there at that
short time when we were ordered to pack up and be
ready any enemy until we come to Kettle run not far
from there and we got to Bristoe Station where we found
it. It was not long before our Regiment was out
of cavalry horse and saddle at Kettle run did some
very well, we could I get a gun or carridge box
view of the battle field during the action. If I did
we got hit with a spent ball, not hurt much
Atlantic the one that the authorities condemned
my hast Love to Brother Orren & yourself

Oval E Goddard

Commanding.

Themselfs

hipidaw River and I think I told
ile, so we did, but staid but a
d march very hard, did not
not fight any. We then got along
ning off the retreat of our Compa
egiment became general, got
and could not take them off
horses, as it was I had a good
ver. I am Short of our Compa
I am on board of the steamer
of morning report. Excuse

Camp 1st Lyons Vols. Near the Orange & Alexandria R. R. October 1st 1863

Dear Mother

It was but a few days ago that I wrote to you but I must write what I must interpose and consequently I write again. Capt. Ball was wounded at Rappahannock Station and we not expected to go, during the engagement the rebels got on the opposite side of the R. R. There are men posted near all that kept them apart was the grade of the road for that place & Capt. Ball & working the rebels to hold that position got up on the rail road and kept fire pistol into them for hours and then flung the revolver into the building cannot be then need two days for wounds and one of them his Company thanks mortal, I did not see him I hear nothing from Chas E Cly. I was very sorry to hear that little Emma is dead and little Frankey I hope she may recover give her a kiss for me

Give my respects to Cousin Helen and all the Friends Mrs. Smith Alameda Ills

Remember me to Mrs Hoff

Total .....

Love to Vesta Ever & yours

Chas. E. Cleveland

Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS:

STATION: Lain in a hurry we expect

DATE: to move very unexpectedly

Camp Near Warrenton Va
Sunday Nov. 1st 1863

Dear Mother I have received several letters from you lately, but have been unable to answer them on account of the heavy marching that this army has been doing. I wrote one letter to you while encamped near Centreville and one while in this camp. We have been very busy in camp here putting up winter quarters and preparing for a stay all the rest of our time, but we have to run our own risk for we are liable to be called upon at any moment to pack up and begin a fall campaign. our present quarters are very comfortable, log houses built up four and some five feet from the ground with our shelter tents to cover them and a good fire place to warm and cook by, we have for furniture stools made out slabs split off of logs in good trim with holes put in them and legs wedged in tight and I tell you we have a good substantial article of furniture, would not look very nice nor feel nice at home, but I guess they are not bad for soldiers that are about played. Last friday I witnessed the execution of one of the 15 Mass who deserted some time previous and was caught and found guilty sentenced to shot to death with muskets. I also saw one of the first Division shot at Centreville.

We are being fed very poorly now men are out of rations half of the time and if the Commissary gets an Extra Requisition for grub the General has the value of the rations deducted from the men's pay, if I ever enlist again Uncle Sam will have to swear that he owes me five, six hundred to eat for I have to pay thing

I love it it good living and plenty of it, but good living I did not expect to get but such as it is I expected to get among of it. we have plenty of worms in our crackers and if I could get one in the envelope I would send one to you for to keep for me, but I have said enough of our living. I received a line from C. E. Ely a few days ago, he is getting fine says his wound has not healed but that he feels all right, he expects pay in a few days and then he can enjoy himself

Chas. North is Sargent now and is quite well.

Pleas give my respects to all of my friends

C. C. Crouch

Co "R" 1st Minnesota

P. S.

Remember me to Mrs Neff.

A kiss for little Franky & love to Brother Owen.

Camp Near Warrenton Va.
Nov. 4th 1863

Dear Mother your letter of the 18 & 25th of October duly arrived and as all of your letters here was read Eagerly by me. Our present quarters are quite comfortable and more especially these cold mornings we are having now, but there is every sign that we are going to move again shortly but which way remains a mystery as it always does. We are commencing to get better living now since the rail road has been finished from below Bristol Station up to the Junction but as soon as the Army moves again we will have to pack 8 or ten days rations & then it will come hard again. When we first came to Alexandria and from there to Bull Run we thought 3 days

rations quite a load and my 10 days has got to be carried or the army cannot move. I pity those poor fellows that are elected to stay 2 3 or 5 months after we get out for next summer the officer in command may deem it necessary to turn them into a supply train

I was on picket yesterday but no excitement of any kind except the seeing of a squirrel and shaking him off that running him down. Charley North is a Sergeant now. The paper I sent you describing the scene on board of the Steamer Atlantic is the same boat that I was putting to go to Alexandria and with that same load of rubbish. I heard of little Emma's death some time ago and if you did not get a letter stating that I had heard the sad news there is one lost on the way.

Remember me to Cousin Hellen & Uncle & Aunt N. D. Fairas also to little Franky and all the Friends in general

With love to Brother Orren and yourself

I remain your bro

C. E. Graves

P. S.

Please discontinue to send stamps I have enough at present.

Camp 1st Ohio near Culpeper C.H.
Nov 13th 1863.

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 30th of October got to my on one last march. I have duly considered the plan you propose - while I would like very much to possess my self of such land knowing that even if I did not wish to farm during my life I could sell and it would bring me a handsome sum, yet the following difficulties are in the way

1st That my total ignorance of farming would be one and a great drawback

2d That the money and every thing that you or I possess that could be turned into money would not exceede $250.

3d That for the two first years there would be no income and continual expence and $250. would hardly buy the cattle waggon and plow

4th Last, but not least the work that you would have to do in the house would endanger your health as he would not be able to keep a girl

I hope you will consider what I have written here and I think it will convince you as it has me that we cannot carry out such an idea with any hope of success

My leg is quite well. I am very sory that I did not see Walter Norton. I am very sory to hear of Cousin Helen's sickness, it being the first time that I have heard that she was sick. Uncle N. P. Laird has been very unfortunate since I left home, please give them my respects. Yesterday I got a letter from Cousin Laird McConnie Uncle Allison's sisters had just been on a visit there

Remember me to Mr Lee & family
Very respectfully your
Son
Robert
P. S. Richmond
Enquire

Send my pay
board
$7.15 additional
day

We are encamped in Rebel camp now and we most heartily thank Johnny Reb for leaving such good quarters. We are located about 4 miles from Culpeper. A human skull was found in camp used by the Rebs for a soap dish supposed to be a Yankee cranium. We do not expect to stay over three week if we do that long in this camp. We have quite warm days but the cold frosty mornings indicate the cold season of the year close at hand

Please give my love to Cousin Franky

Please excuse this piece of paper that I write on for my butter is not here and I cannot get any there

Respects to all my Friends

Love to Brother Owen and yourself

C. E. Goddard

P.S.

I take the following list of prices from the Richmond Examiner found in this camp

Corn is very scarce - quotable at $2. per bushel - common Apples $4.5 to $5. per barrel. Onions $4.05 to $7.5 per bo. Very scarce Irish potatoes $6 to 7 per bushel. Sweet $4 to $10. Bacon $2.50 to $2.60 per hog round. Lard $2.15 to $2.15. Butter $2.75 by the package. Tobacco asking. Liquors dull at $35 to $50 for fair to prime whiskey; 30 to 40 for apple brandy: Receipts to "underground line" heavy. This is taken from the rebs own paper and there is no sell

Please give my love to Brother Orren & Smith and Respects to all my Friends

Excuse this as an excuse for a letter

Chas. E. Crouch
Co. "K" Company 1st Minn

Camp 1st Minnesota near Culpeper Va. Nov. 22d 1863.

Dear Mother your kind letter of the 8 I received some time ago and owing to the want of paper which has been very scarce as Gen. Mead will not allow the cutlers to come up to the army, I suppose because that some of them are disloyal and let the reb's get them with their loads of goods - I have been unable to write to you. Nothing of interest has happened since I last wrote excepting the happement of our Regiment owing to some error in the pay roll of Company "K" I was unable to get more than 2 months pay and there was six due me, but that will be attended to before next pay day. I cannot send home any money this time because I had borrowed some and I had to pay those

debts, amounting to about $4.00, some that I got of boys at Gettysburg and some of the boys in the Company. Next pay day I will be able to send you $80.00. We have had some weather lately that would use a fellow up pretty fast if he was camping out in shelter tents and we expect more of it, as this is just about the time of year for muddy roads, weather that in Maine you would consider bad indeed. I have heard nothing from Charles Ely lately, but one of the boys received a letter from William Minor about five days ago and he said Chas. wanted to come back to the Regiment. We hardly know what to think whether there will be a forward movement this fall again or not, but I can tell you if the men could have their way there would be little moving this fall, and the idea of the correspondents writing that the men are anxious to go ahead and engage the rebs, get licked out & so it all a humbug and I think if you should go all thru the Army of the Potomac and enquire of every man, that but few are anxious to go into a fight, but if it is necessary then they would be more willing, the idea of whipping the rebels out of Richmond this fall is one of the ideas and then if we should compel the enemy to evacuate our front we would only be getting farther from our base and Lord knows the bushwhackers cut off lots of our trains now what would they do if we should winter near Gordonsville they could take possession of the road in our rear unless we put guards on it and we have not any aught to guard the rail Road that far

House rent is very high, a house with two rooms renting for 25,00 a month and some 25,00, some large business houses rent for one thousand Dollars, lots are worth from five hundred to ten thousand Dollars, they are in the City of Virginia of course, Ike would sell for that allowance with all he feels perfectly contented and thinks that I had better come out there, but I am afraid he has colored the picture he gives of the country. I am very sorry to hear of Uncle James misfortune - he will not take the view of it that he ought to do for he will think that it is necessary for some of the Soldiers to get "wiped out" and it was not necessary to have that foot hurt - I agree with him if he thinks so and if he don't - I am of that opinion any how, give him my respects. Tell Thomas Nolan that if he would like to see me eating I would most heartily like to gratify his desire for you must remember that Goddard has gained great notoriety as an eater, the thing were an oyster supper (cost 2,00) cannot last long when my "bunky" and myself get at it, perhaps you would like to know who my "bunky" is - well he's a regular "brick" - all the way from Egypt Illinois and can eat pretty near as much as I. We have had a few bad days ; but it seems that it is just working with us we got on the march and then it will come thick and strong. One of the boys of our Company that has been away ever since the time we left Camp Stone Jerry Barker & Miss Short I consider a very poor match

I do not know as I can give any good reason for thinking so, but I think a good deal such a match as Chaperton & Lady We are getting a good deal more to eat now than formly, but still have to economize to make rations last. I guess the Gen. has thought best give us only 5 days rations to carry for the Rd. over to keep 5 on hand has been countermanded and only 5 now, before we could not make the rations last from one issue to another

Give my respects to all the friends

Love to Brother Orren & yourself

Chas E. Goddard

Camp 1st Maine. Vols. near Culpeper Va Nov. 23d 1863.

Dear Mother

Not but a few days ago I wrote a line to you, but if my letters are as welcome to you as your letters are to me you will not care how often I write. I received three very interesting letters this evening, one from you, one from Camp Distribution Alexandria and one from Louisa Smith Goddard Virginia City Nevada Territory, his letter is very interesting indeed, he is getting $4,00 per day, but does not say at what, good carpenters are getting $6,00 per day, he says living is not so costly as we would suppose, flour $9,00 per hundred, beef a bit a pound as he calls it butter 50 cts per pound eggs $1,00 per doz and poultry would pay at that price

Camp 1st Minn. Vols. near
Culpeper. Va. December 7th 1863.

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter of the 22d of last month last evening. We left this camp the 25th of last month (Thanksgiving) and crossed at Germanna ford on the Rappidan and on the 27th came up with the enemy at Locust Grove or Robins tavern, had some skirmishing but no fighting of any consequence, next morning we advanced in line of battle but found no enemy in our immediate front, after an hour's march we came across line again strongly intrenched, our Corps was then sent to take up a position on the enemys right flank and on the morning of the ~~1st Dec~~ 30 Nov

at night fall and took up a position and stood about a quarter of a mile of their works or probably less with our pickets close as we could get them to them ~~works a day or two after~~ the night of the 1st of Dec we started for the camp travel 22 hours with knapsacks on out of 24 and got home or to that camp the night of the second of Dec tired, hungry & muddy, only to find our nice shanties all burnt up by some mean scamp and consequently that we had been travelling all for nothing (except consolation). I do not think we will stay here long but of course I cannot tell, still I think we must certainly look out for quarters before long for it is getting late & cold

the army of the Potomac (extending about 9 miles) was ordered to charge the enemys works precisely 8 o'clock. Now I have been in the service some time and saw some fighting, been in some hot places, but never in my life did I think I was going up the "spout" until the order came to charge those works and I was as sure as I set here writing to you that if I went up in that charge Chas. E. Goddard would be no more, our men were all made or in a good position to charge before light and our Regt was thrown out as skirmishers and ordered to advance when the signal was given until the enemy opened on us and then lay down until the line came up and fall in with them go to the front or get wiped out"

As we was waiting for the order to charge the General Commanding Division read an order that the troops we had to contend with were "Hills Corps" and that we must take the height, mean while the sun got up and the Rebels could look down on a mass of Yankees — a correspondent might say anxious for the fray but I am of a different opinion, 8 o'clock came — 9 o'clock came and one cannon opened on the right then another then 4 or five, but no orders for us, the day gradually wore away and every moment we expected to try it, such awful suspence I never experienced before in my life — I thought it was the longest day of my life, but thanks to General Meade good judgment we came off

Dec 4 1863

The other sheet I devoted to describing the time we have had on our late march and I am afraid I have not done it justice now but I have done all I am able to do, so I will talk about home matters and general news. The Chaplain is staying in our mess since we came back, and he says that Capt Ball is getting along finely he intends to get a furlough and go up to ~~Vermont~~ New York where his home is, his Father has been to see him, he intends to spend Christmas at home and come to the Regt immediately after that time. I have

Oh I forgot to mention that I received a letter from home yesterday

heard nothing from Chas. E. Eckhatty, and I think Chas very negligent indeed about writing he certainly has no excuse for not writing where he is now. My leg is a regular old weather clock for I can tell when it is going to be bad weather - it feels numb and as if it had been frozen and was just thoroughly thawed out yet. Charley Wells is quite well but pretty sore after marching so like Chas and I think it would be pretty hard to find a man in Camp that is not in the same fix. D. S. Eaton is clerking for the head Doctor in the Broad & Cherry St. Hospital and I guess he has got a pretty good thing, if he does not he will not stay there. First Colonel Adams will be back soon. He is now in Washington D.C and expects to come to the Regiment as soon as the Army gets settled down again, his wounds are not quite well but he thinks he can stand it. I anticipate a first rate supper to night for we have got soft bread for once in a long while and it is one of the luxuries.

Well Reas give my respects to all of my friends and please excuse this very hurry written epistle.

Give Brother Orren my love.

Chas. E. Woodard

Camp 1st Maine Volts
Near "Pony" Mountain & Chattanooga December 14th 1863.

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 30th of last month & Dec. 6th got to me this morning and I was glad to hear from you for I began to think something must be wrong as I had not heard from you for several days We are in good quarters again, but I can tell you it has been by the sweat of our brows, for we have every sign that a Rebel army is to convince us that we are going to stay here all winter and as we are badly in need of rest we concluded to have good quarters, now we have got them and intend to

I told you to use all you wanted to make yourself comfortable Marvin is in the U. S. Marine Hospital Chicago getting along as well as could be expected with the wound he has

Nothing more at present

Love to Brother Owen and a large share to yourself

Respects to all friends

Tell Brother I am much obliged to him for his letter

C. E. Goodard

enjoy them. Our position
is a commanding one
not far from "Pony" Mountain
and that lays near Culpeper
and is their head quarters
of the Army Signal Corps,
we can see the cars when
they come in to Brandy
Station with the supplies for
the Army. The only objection
is on account of the cold
winds that cannot
reach us as we are up
so high. Several of our
boys are here that was
wounded at Gettysburg.
They have come back
lately. William I think you
that was in the Hospital
with me is on the
road for the Regiment
now. Lieut Colonel Mann
returned the other day
and has taken Command
of the Regiment, he lost
one of his lungs go part
of one of them. I am very
sorry that I could not
send you any pay last
time I was paid but
only recd. 2 months
pay when there was
(6) six due me owing
to some neglect of the
Captains, but I will have
that all right next
time as I have charge
of the Company Books
and make out all
rolls of that kind, and
will be able to send you
$15 Dollars if not more.
If you needed money
and that money
you said was in the
bank when you were in
the Hospital, when I sent

was very good at packing shingles I guess no one in Nirwa is as good and quick as he and I am very sory for Benny alone as I do not know much about the rest of the family Eugene I was acquainted with her but Mrs Low I did not know much about from what you wrote a year ago in your letters she must have suffered some

The R. Road in Nirwa is progressing finly. we they are running out on the Rolling Prairie of Minnesota, that road will improve Nirwa very greatly. the boys of the Company that ~~flew~~ out in the Country are making

Camp 1st Minn Vols.
near Culpeper Va Dec. 7th 63.

Dear Mother

I am this evening in receipt of your letter of the 13th & 16th of September and the 10th of December. One seems to have been to my old place of abode Bond and Cherry Street Hospt. and remained to you again. I was some surprised to look at the date of the letter and the stamp on the envelop, but after perusing it I found out the apparent mistery. The rumor was in camp that we were going to move again, but it has blown over and it looks again

as if they might condescend to let us stay here this winter, nevertheless if we should move I have no doubt but that we could better ourselves, for in our present Camp the water is very poor and wood scarce, but the Shanties are old "F" coys and will make the boys comfortable with but little wood. Matthew Marvin our Orderly Sergeant that was in the same Hospital with me and in the same Ward that Charley Eby was in is now in the Marine Hospital Chicago Ill and he says he is not getting any better and is afraid he will have to have his foot taken off, Chas. North got a letter from him this evening. I have not heard any thing from Chas. Eby and do not know whether he is still in Broad & Cherry Street Hospt. or not. Eight days until Christmas and a fair prospect of being as good a Christmas as I have spent in the Army, in 1861 I was on guard Christmas in 1862 I had for a Christmas dinner pork soup and for 1863 I am going to have ——— something good. The Lows have met with a good many misfortunes since I left home, how is Dan getting along I have not heard from him in a long time. I suppose fracking shingles, he

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calculating on getting on the cars and going home on the Double Quick. When their term of enlistment expires. John Lynn has made himself very scarce, I have not seen him lately, you remember he went into the U.S. 1st Regular Cavalry when we were encamped at Bolivar Heights after a skirmish. H. A. Bonik is in Emory Hospital Washington D.C. and has been reduced to the ranks but I don't want you to say anything about it. He was reduced for getting drunk & detached from the Company & Regiment where he was able to do his service and that does not

look well for a Noncommissioned Officer holding the rank he did 2d Sergeant - and I guess he would never get any higher if he was to stay in the Army for 20 years, he has been a Sergt. ever since he come out, and every one of the old Sergt's that have not been killed have been promoted but him - now he is a private - I pity him for he is so ignorant that he cannot officiate as Corporal Sergt. when he had a chance, and he was very faithful with all his duties. The rainy season of the year has come for the rain has come down pretty freely all day. We get an occasional loaf of soft bread now and then. The candle is playing out and I have no time so I will have to quit for the evening. C.C. Coddard

Camp Nov 18th This morning I am going on picket which if I am not mistaken is not a pleasant job, the rain will make it very bad. I have the consolation of knowing that I will have a good shanty to go into when I come off. Love to Brother Ed, Respects to all Friends

C.C. Coddard

Camp 51st Massachusetts near
Gulfport La December 25th 1863

Dear Mother

Your kind
and interesting letter of the 13th of
this month arrived last evening
and found me enjoying myself
by a good warm fire and discussing
the present state of American
affairs with my friend and veter-
an soldier Chas. C. Ely who came
to this camp from Broad and
Cherry Streets a few days ago.
I as well as he ever was
according to his own statement.
He looks fine after recruiting in
Philad, the land of plenty and
where the pretty girls are not
scarce. Charley after taking
an affectionate farewell of the
dear creatures, whom love for the old

Roger Boy" can hardly be described. He adds to the gaiety and pleasure of the house and. It is getting pretty cold but with the good character we can stand it until the 25th of April next.

Nothing of importance has transpired since last week

Chas. E. Gordon
1st March 1856

Camp 1st Maine Vols. Culpeper Va
December 30th 1863.

Dear Mother

Your kind and interesting letter of the 20th of this month duly arrived to day. I cannot helps but think when I am reading yours of the 20th (for I do it often) that you are having a pretty hard time to get along—and at the same time the money I sent you at Falmouth is still in the Bank or a greater portion of it. Now such proceedings are "plaid" and if you feel like quitting keeping boarders do so immediately and use all the money I have sent home, do not kill yourself working but try and get along until I get out of the army. I am having a fine time myself and I dare say better than you, although our "grub" is not quite so good we have sharper appetites and the commonest food tastes better than the choicest cakes pies &c. Christmas our Squad four in number had for dinner potatoes cooked in two different ways and besides Soft bread coffee &c six bottles of Ale which by the way was not very good but would have in a crowd for "good neighbor

the army". Charley Ely is on fatigue duty to day a making roads to the Rail Road. We have just got through making out the Pay Rolls and will be mustered for pay the last of this month, then about the 20th of next month the Pay Master will be around with his green backs.

Chaplain Cornell has just returned from a mission of charety to New York, he has been gathering information at the home of a condemned man about his early life, how old he is &c. If you have received all my letters when I was at Culpeper you must certainly have read about him going to Washington and getting the President's parden for a young man in one of the New York Regts charged of desertion, this time he went on his own hook paid his own fare and got the desired information, he thinks if the young chap will get clear if he only serves his time that he was away from his Company & Regiment.

The Chaplain preached in Brooklin and he says that he created a good deal of excitement relating his experance in the Army

Charley North is almost well again you will remember that in my last letter that Charley was having a bad time with his throat, now he is some better and will be ready for duty when it comes his turn. When the 1st Minnesota Volunteers go home in the Spring you wont think they are old vets for they are all getting new clothes and fixing up fine

I heard to day that General Hancock has returned but I do not know wheather to credit the report or not, although it is not impossable Well I hope you will overlook my mistakes for I have been scribeling some to day and I am tired

Respects to all Friends

Love to Brother Orren and a good share to your self

Chas. E. Goddard

Camp 4th Iowa Vol. Do.
January 8th 1864.

Dear Mother

I look for a letter from you about so often, say every 4 or 5 days, but lately have been sadly disapointed for no letter has come for over a week and doubts have arose in my mind about your health, I do not like to encourage such thoughts but I cannot help it when I think you have been sick and still continue to work away keeping boarders when your health will not permit. My health, as it always has been excepting immediately after Bull Run, is quite good and as a general thing the Regiment is very healthy, nevertheless the smallpox broke out on one man in Company "B", but now he has very nearly recovered, it seems almost impossible to get our men sick and the Hospital department attached to the Regiment is of no use as there are no patients to occupy the large tent furnished by the Government for that purpose. Bill Kinyon

of our Company has returned, he was in the same Hospital with Ely and myself and in the same Ward with Ely. I inclose his picture which I would like to have preserved for me if it is not too much trouble. Colonel Adams is very strict in his discipline so much so that he is making no friends but on the contrary a good many enemies. Ely is now at work building a log house for General Hancock. There are seven of them 2 Units, If there is any work at chopping the first Miners to is always called upon.

Our Captain Martin Maginnis is now on a furlough.

Nothing more at present
Love to Brother & yourself

Chas. E. Goddard

Camp 1st Minn. Vols.

January 12th 1864.

Dear Mother

your kind letter of the 29th of last December got to me safe last evening. I have had no letters from home in so long that I came to the conclusion that you must be sick, or off on a visit to the country. Those clipings from the Winona Republican you sent to me I have read some time ago, but I do not always get the paper and then the clipings that come in your letters are very excepteble, the papers do not come to me but I can read them. I am having a very good time, for I do no duty of any kind and have only to attend roll calls go on dress parade &c, no picket no guard duty of any kind. Chas. E. Ely has been on special detail building houses around Head Quarters for the staff and clerks, he is not off yet. We have been having very cold weather and plenty of snow, but today is quite warm. I anticipate some cold old days before the 29th of next April. We have just heard of the death of Aron Thompson, who left our company at Bolivar Heights and joined the Regular Cavalry, his folks live in the Gilmore Valley and I think he has parents alive, Aron had been sick for some time, but they thought that he was not dangerously ill and I suppose if the regular Surgeons are any thing like volunteer Surgeons

that he was neglected. One of our Company got sick the other day and our old Surgeon refused to come and see him - said he was "playing off" when there was not in this company one man that could not tell that he was sick. We have a Chappel up on the hill and divine service every evening. I do not attend only on sunday evenings and then I do not hear any very good preaching, the tent and both papers and every thing to make the tent comfortable are furnished by the Christian Commission. It seems as if the people at home have no idea that the soldiers cannot appreciate a good chaplain so that the scum is sent to the Army (exceptions in all cases) You do not tell me whether Miss Willson has got back to Winona or not, she told me that she intended to start back to Winona in two or three weeks, that was when I was in Chester. Let me know where George Willson is in your next and how he is getting along with his studies. I was much surprised when I went to Chester to find Mrs Frick such a open hearted woman, I had made up my mind to go for your sake, but was glad enough I had been so fortunate as to meet such a woman as Mrs Frick. I liked her very much Mr Frick did not like for a good many reasons. Today I have to make out a list of the killed wounded and missing in the Company since its first organization at winona so that we can get a printed memorial of the Company - and every man that has been wounded killed and missing in action discharged promoted deserted and drummed out of the service will be put in the remarks opposite their respective names, the design of this memorial is very pretty indeed, but rather too highly colored to suit my fancy. There are three columns for the names, the two outside ones are for the Privates and the centre for the Commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers. on the top of the memorial is an American eagle under it the stars and stripes. There are four flags and two sticks out each way, between the colors there is a small marble mound (I think call it) with a paper representing the constitution hanging on one side of it and a scroll hanging on the other, on the right hand side is a picture of an engagement and on the left a picture of a soldier standing guard this is the top of the memorial and the bottom is quite as pretty. on the right of the bottom of memorial there is a picture of the soldier returning with a commission on the left is where he left his home a private and in the centre the Goddess of Liberty and goddess of war I would like to contract for a half a dozen but my means will not permit me to for they cost $1,50 apiece and I could not stand the

pressure, but I will get one for you and Charley Ely will get one for his brother or sister I do not know which. I may yet get one for all of my intimate friends. They are a through history of the companies losses &c. You say that you are mad because that I do not want you to send me something, if that be the case you can send me a neck tie - one of the flowing kind or some call them the sailors necktie, they are simply a piece of 3 square silk I think, you remember I would like very much to have one for they are all the go in the Army and then I can wave it when I come home. I got a necktie in one of my letters from you but it is not the kind I like, I am wearing it now. We (our squad) have been having the regular buckwheat cakes for the past few days, we paid $2,00 for 25 lb. in a little sack put up expressly for the army. Turkeys ranged from $4,50 to $5,00 here on Christmas - whiskey plenty and a good many felt how come you so. Mother let Orren go no on the skating business, that is when he is through his work, for I think that it is very good exercise and I know it to be tip top fun.

With my respects to all friends Love to Brother Orren and yourself I remain

Your Son

C. C. Goddard

Camp 1st Minn Vols

Jan. 15th 1864.

Dear Mother

It seems but a few short days since you came down to see me at Chicago, but now you are in Minn and I am in Virginia and we are obliged to communicate our thoughts by letter then I could not think of what I wanted to ask you to now there are a good many little questions that I would like to ask, but to might my ideas is something that I am sadly deficient in. The letters I write to you would look soft and not interesting to one that is an outsider and I doubt wheather they will interest you but if they do not consider that I mean well, to be carful to not let any one read them. I have finished those memorials and they have gone for publication. the proprietor of the institution is going send me one gotten for doing some writing for him. The company will take 40 copies. I am not a Bayard Taylor or a description and doubtful wheather you can form any idea what those memorials are from the description I gave of them in my last, but I am pretty positive they will not suit you as well as if they had been less flashy, nevertheless they are a good history of the company as well as of the field officers of this Regiment. The boys are going to buy one for Mrs Smith, Mrs. Smith's mother and I guess that will make her heart swell with pride to think her brave boy was so highly esteemed by his comrades. I

do not want you to say any thing about this for we intend to surprise her. Charley Ely is still on detail and he is working pretty hard, but it will be gratifying to his mother to know that Charley is growing stronger and broader in the shoulders, that his wound gives him no trouble and he anticipates no trouble during his life if he meets with no accident (with his wound I mean) Charley North is quite well and as lively as ever, but I think Charley will settle down and get married when he lives up to his contract with Uncle Sam. that is when his time is out. I heard from John Lyman a few days ago and he is enjoying very good health, how he likes the Cavalry I do not know, but may before long for he has promised to give us a call one of these days. We have had some snow, but very little cold weather and we think that there will be very little cold weather hereafter until further orders, to use the soldiers expression. There are to be 2 or 3 commissioned officers and six enlisted men to go to Minnesota and recruit for this Regiment, there is some strife among the officers about who is entitled to go, some think that the enlisted men should go that have to serve 4 or 5 months after the 29th of April and others that there non-commissioned officers that could fill such offices the best, but there will be some one up there before long to recruit for the 1st, before there time is out, and they hope to get a good many recruits from Pennsylvania, but I doubt much whether the patriotic young men of Pennsylvania cares to enlist in a Regiment that goes it "whole hog or none". There are a fellows of yours will get handled pretty hard I am afraid when the "dead beats" get home.

I guess Mother that Ely and Goddard are not ashamed of the uniform they wear and if we dont come home in "full" and all sails set then I am no judge of good soft bread. Today we are going to have general inspection and we have been cleaning up and putting on style. Capt. Pelter of our Regt that was wounded at Gettysburg returned last evening. Company "K" has no commissioned officers now, the Capt. is off on a furlough and the Company is commanded by the 2d Sergeant. Company "E" of our Regt. has gone in for three years again but many a one of the other Companies. Tell Orrin that he must work hard and play hard and he will get strong and a goodeal of skating when the ice is strong will not hurt him.

I will have to close this letter, and you be shure that no one reads it but you.

Respects to all of the friends

Mrs P. M. Smith

Love to Brother and yourself

Your Son

Chas. E. Goddard

Camp 1st Maine Vols.
Jan. 26th 1864.

Dear Mother

You will please find inclosed the photograph of Chaplain Cornell which he gave me to day, I post it before my regular letter is written because I do not like to have it laying around in the tent. The photograph of Cornell is not very good, but it is military and it may be some interest to look at after I cease to be one of Uncle Sam's Soldiers

There has been some talk of the Regiment going home but I have been a soldier too long to credit every rumor. Capt Jim Bell has resigned but I have not seen him yet.

I would like to get the photographs

of every member of Company K that have stood up to the scratch for time that have played the "Sink" I would not care so much

Your Son

C. E. Goddard
K. Co. 1st Minn.

he had accomplished what will bronze him and injure Colonel Colvill's reputation, every man in the Regiment despise this Lieut Colonel, but Colonel Colvill they respect for his many good qualities.

Monday February 1st

To day it has been quite rainy and if their has been any talk of moving, this rainy weather will put a stop to it. Your pickles are a great deal of trouble to you, I can go the sweetmeats &c but the pickles is no more my favorite than when I left home, nearly every letter I get from you those pickles are in a dangerous condition, but after you work hard a day or two you succeed in getting them in a safe condition, before I would work so hard with them I would put them out of the window. I read an account of the 2d Minnesota Vols. going home on furloughs through Chicago and they claim to have gone through that city in June 61. when if I am not mistaken the 1st Minn instead of the 2d passed through that city in June 61. Companies "A." "B." & "C." I hear are going to be disbanded for thirty days at Winona and of course if they are gotten up in Winona County Reuben Black must be among the members of one of those Companies, has Reube reenlisted for three years more? The city of Brooklyn I hear are making offers of large bounties for our Regt. to reenlist in their State which I think can be done now, but not long ago the men could only reenlist in their own States now I understand that men can

get in any State hopes he has a mind.

Josey Balcom has returned from his superior country I hope he's got a good thing for if I am not mistaken the Old gentleman got a pretty good ducking on one of his trips to the land of coffee and very nearly drowned. We expect the boy home before long. I have been thinking about sending money to you by mail and have concluded to ask your advice, shall I send you the $5.00 by mail or shall I keep it until I go home Charley Ely has lost $5 and if I should lose $5 it would make some difference with my financial business but just as you say.

Respects to all of my friends

Love to Brother Orrin & yourself

Your Son

Chas. E. Goddard

Camp 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry
Jan 31st 1864

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 15th of this month duly arrived, but I did not answer it for I had been sending you memorials of the Company and also a letter with the Photograph of Rev. Chaplain Conwell, which I hope has got through safe for he was very kind to the wounded at Gettysburg — and he has always done his duty in every engagement that I have had a chance to notice, which I can tell you that cannot be said of every Chaplain in the Army, this and a good many other things makes me have the desire to keep the Chaplain's photograph. Some more Non-commissioned officers and men are going off on recruiting service to the State, they will start in a few days. Captain Maginnis our present Captain has returned from his furlough. I got a letter from Laird McConnie not long since, he is in the Military School near Philadelphia and expects to stay about three years in which time he will be able to compete with the best of them, Laird is a smart boy and if he don't play the fast young man he will make a smart man. Burt Lynn has been over to see us, he is quite well and has been ever since he left his Company. Charley Noble is all on the square. Ely do. I sent a Memorial of our Company to Cousin Ellen, I do not think any body will like them, but they are a pretty

good history of the Company officers and men as well as the Regimental Staff officers, if the memorial had been a steel engraving or something of that kind it would have suited me much better and I would gladly have paid the difference. we enquired if something less flashy could be made, he said that there were more in the Army that liked the colored style than any other kind and they made them to suit the majority although about next June or July they would have both kind, I sent you one for Bill Smith's Mother, not knowing where she was I could not direct to her so I sent it to you to give to her in behalf of Company K. Charley Eby has just got a letter from his mother.

The weather has been so warm here for the last few days that we have been obliged to get in the shade of our tents to keep cold enough to feel comfortable. I should not have been much surprised if we had received orders to strike tents and be on the move, only that after the Burnside scrape last winter it would have been foolish to move when every day it might set in and rain for a week, to day it has been raining some and I am glad for the Generals are so ambitious they will attempt anything sooner than have the people at home think enemies and very often get sadly defeated. Colonel Colvill has been dismissed the service because he was unable to join his Regiment on account of wounds received at Gettysburg - we have one of the meanest Lieut Colonels that ever set foot on Virginia soil and by releasing Colvill as incompetent

Ft Snelling Minn
Sunday March 20th 1864

Dear Mother

After rather a rough ride of three days we arrived at the old fort, which is a changed place, we stoped at Minnesska Lake City and Hastings on the route. We have had very poor treatment since we came here, no quarters nor rations for us, owing I suppose to the negligence of our officers, for they have been down to St Paul on a spree ever since we have been here. The Governor and the Comdg officer of the Fort - A.D. Nelson - are trying every way to get the Regt to reenlist, but it's no go. The fort has not changed so much as the ground around the fort, that has all been built up with quarters for the recruits and to acomodate troops that are quartered in the state or coming home. You must not expect much of a letter from me this time

Much love to brother Orren
& I remain your Son
C.E. Goddard

Ft. Snelling Minn
April 4th 1864.

Dear Mother

Chaplain Conway arrived Friday and handed me your letter - which was very interesting, especally as we are all quite home sick and news from home is very excepstable We are at presaint well provided for in the "grub and lodging" line, the quarters have all been cleaned - floors sanded and ticks provided for the bunks as well as a good cookhouse and dining room in one, the fare is passable - nothing very extry and not quite as bad as it might be. A good many of our Regt have reenlisted and a few of our company those in our company who have reenlisted are W. H. Abell H. A. Brink J. Chandler Corpl. Wm H Churchill S. S. Tenney J Towner and M. McIntyre I expect you do not know half of them for they came from Minneapolis most of them and some from Quincy. As yet I have not been to St Paul nor in fact any whare but to Minnehaha falls and I do not think I should have gone there if it had required money - I do not want you to think that I have no money for I have $ left, but I need that for other things, when I get my discharge I intend to go to St Anthony falls and Minneapolis for I expect that a

better chance will never occur. James Knox and George Cole are here and have gone in the 7th Maine - George has left without permission from his parents so the Chaplain tells me, if they had enlisted in this Regt they would have been much better off. A good many of our Regt are quite sick with colds sore throat &c.

I will not write much before I get my discharge. I will send some drawers down by one of the boys that goes on furlough they only cost 90 cts and are quite durable

Give my love to Brother and remember me to Thomy

C. C. Goddard

Tell Miss Little that if I had not been in such a hurry I should have called on her, but I suppose I am excusable for that reason only

Yet that Harrington conducted through the city of Winona, he is a pretty hard case and if the stories they tell of him are true he will stand a very good chance of getting shot. He told me yesterday that he expects to be shot. It seems he joined the 11th U.S. Infantry and deserted and went to Chicago where he was in a billiard saloon one day when an officer stepped up to him and said "I arrest you" Hentworth replied that he would not be arrested and drawing a revolver fired at the officer hitting him on his corps badge and did not hurt him much - when the officer fired at him taking him through the shoulder.

E. E. Goddard

Ft. Snelling Minn
Apl. 20th 1864.

Dear Mother

I have thought that I would not write again before I was discharged, but if I am discharged the 27 I do not think I could start home before next Monday - 2d of May, I should not be much surprised if we are detained here some four or five days. the officers are all the time away and do not attend to their business consequently when we come to be discharged the Rolls & Clothing will not be correct and will detain us some time

Wm. Kenyon of our company has recovered from his late illness and is gaining strength rapidly. Edgar Chapman a Sergt. in our Company has been quite sick, but this morning he seems to be getting along fine. I suppose you heard of the sudden death of one of the Rollingstone Valley boys. and his wife came up and got his remains. I was down to St. Paul yesterday to get my photograph and I think I accomplished my object I got it taken at Whitney's and he charges $4.50 a dozen, they tell me here that is about $1.00 more than any other place or picture gallery charges in the State, but his pictures are considered the best that are taken in the State, and as he has a rush of business I see no reason why he cannot set his own price, if he did not take advantage of his customers it would be the first instance of that kind - where they don't swindle or cheat.

The authorities here were hunting after a deserter from the regular army and arrested George Cole but soon found out there mistake, George was frightend tho the thing come to take him out. the one they were after was Walter Wentworth the Johnny

Ft. Snelling Minn
Apl. 30. 1864.

Dear Mother

As I expected. the Regiment will not get their discharges and pay before Tuesday night next - until which time we will get pay and rations. The Regt. was reviewed by Gov. Miller. Sibly and staff and had the last dress parade that some of them will ever be on, Col. Adams gladdened the Regt. also and Miller. We have no roll calls - do not mind the officers nor in fact are we soldiers for every man calls himself a citizen, although we have not got our papers yet we can do any thing - go any where we please with out the consent of any one - at least the boys do so and do not get in any trouble. I think I write you that I got a letter and photograph of Frank Marvin, our Orderly (or wat) he was getting along quite well and had been out to see some friends of Capt. Perani's - friends or relations by the name of Saunders. Saml. Stebbins has been here to get some clothing money and two months pay yet due him, he has been trying to get me to go out and make a claim near him but I think I will not for I think an injun with 160 acres of land is worse than a beggar if he

is not in debt he soon will be. There are some good chances for lumberman up here, they are getting from $3.00 $3.50 per day for men that want to go on the drive and men that want to go down on rafts can get $2.00 per day and I call these pretty good wages.

I think that you need not look for me before next Saturday, for they say that Nellson cannot get the muster rolls ready, I feel as if I could take some of these officers by the neck and choke them until they could take hold and do there work without getting on a "bum" in St Paul every night.

All are getting along fine that you know.

L E Goddard

P.S.

Love to Brother Owen and a good share to yourself. Tell Tommy that I have got a couple of drawers for him. Andy Roberts is here and drunk all the time when he is obliged to go on crutches on account of his foot having been frozen some time last winter. I saw Clarance Hubbard the other day. Knox and Cole are getting along fine and they say they like it. Wentworth got out of the guard house the other day and came near escaping, he is considered the most accomplished rogue in Minn. L E Goddard

[Enclosed in letter of Orson F. Smith, Aug. 14, 1925]

[1861?]

TO CHAS. E. GODDARD.

ON HIS SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

I've been musing on the changes that come to us through life,
Of pleasure, sorrow, grief and joy, sweet peace and bitter strife;
Life pictures I've been penciling, with here and there a line
To mark each coming birthday, my absent boy, of thine.

I see thee when thy pattering feet made music in my heart,
When thy pathway seemed all flowers, thyself of love a part;
I see thee, as, from year to year, thy birthdays went and came—
And you were still my "Charlie," so changed, and yet the same.

Each added year came with a voice unlike the former one,
And whispered to my yearning soul, bright hopes for thee, my son.
To-day the voice is *holier*, for the sweet words say in me—
Thy brave boy is a soldier now—in the War for Liberty.

"YOUR MOTHER."

Reunion of the First Regiment

* Minnesota · Veteran · Volunteers. *

COLLATION.

MINNEAPOLIS, TUESDAY JULY 22, 1884.

Boiled California Salmon with Sautern Wine Jelly.

Sliced Tomatoes and Cucumbers.

Queen Olives.

Rolled Sandwiches. Tea Rolls.

Boned Ham Decorated a la Russe.

Roast Lamb. Mint Sauce.

Pickled Lamb 'Tongues.

Punch Glace, a la Roman.

Shrimp Salad Garnished au Salpicon.

DESSERT.

Macedone of Raspberries.

Frozen Cream Lemon flavor.

Assorted Fancy Cakes.

Nuts. Coffee Royal. Fruit.

THE LYNDALE, July 22, 1884.

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REPUBLICAN

NATIONAL NOMINATIONS.

For President,
ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois.

For Vice President,
SCHUYLER COLFAX, of Indiana.

For Presidential Electors,
WM. G. RAMBUSCH,
OSCAR MALMROS,
C. T. BROWN,
T. G. JONES.

For Congress—First District,
MORTON S. WILKINSON.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Senator,
S. B. SHEARDOWN.

Representatives,
CONRAD BOHN,
S. Y. HYDE,
J. Q. A. VALE.

Register,
CHARLES E. GODDARD.

Auditor,
F. B. BENEDICT.

Attorney,
GEORGE P. WILSON.

County Commissioner—First District,
WILLIAM WEDEL.

County Commissioner—Third District,
W. N. TAYLOR.

Amendment to Section One, Article Seven, of the Constitution,—YES.

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1 E. J. Allred Pro Corp Nov. 61 & Sergt Oct. 21. 62 Dischg with Regt and then recd Commission as Capt Co I 1st N.A. now resides at North Marion Winona Co

2 Charles H Andrews
Discharged Aug. 16. 61
whereabouts not Known

3 John Alderson = wounded at Bull Run & taken Prisoner = subsequently exchd and joined Regt, & then dischd on acct of wounds whereabouts not known, last heard from at St Galena

4 Wm H Abell Dischd with Regt = present occupation farmer Resides Witoka Winona Co Minn

5 Henry C Boyson Dischd with Regt = farmer Rollingstone Winona Co Minn

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wounded at Bristol Station

Balthazar Best. Disch^d with Reg^t. Res Minona

Chas Behr wounded at Gettysburg and disch^d in hospital after Expiration of term of Enlistment. Res Minona

Ephriam P Burton
Killed at Bull Run 1st

Stephen Brockway Disch^d Nov 14. '61 Res^d not Known

John J Badgely Disch^d Mch 30. 63 Res^d New York

Chardon Bourne Disch^d with Reg^t. Resides at Minona

Wm Beales Disch° with
Regt Res° at Mary Creek
Wisconsin Winona Co Minn

Noah F. Berry Transferred to
Invalid Corps Res° ~~Mary~~
~~Creek~~ Redgeway Winona Co

Charles Boardman Wounded
at Marys Heights May 4. 63
disch° with Regt.
Resides — Not Known
Iowa Some where

James M. Babcock
Transferred to Invalid Corps
Res Not Known

Saml N. Burgess Wounded at
Antietam disch° Jan 24. 63
Subsequently Enlisted in
B Co 2d Min Cav
Now Res°

Alfred P Carpenter Res Corp
Prom. to Sergt. Oct 21.62 wounded
at Antietam and Gettysburg Res
1st Lt. Col. Troops - died on Coast
Florida 1865 =

Jos M. Griffin Enlisted in
U.S. Reg Cav Oct 24.62
whereabouts not Known

Chas C Countryman Res
at Antietam Enl. 4th US Reg
Infantry Res. not Known

Wm B Chase Enlisted in
US Reg Cav. Oct 24.62 = became
slightly deranged, in quarrel
with Comrad rec. blow on
head which proved fatal

Edmd Casey Enl US Reg Cav
Oct 24 62 Res. at Mankato

Wm H Churchill - Joined Regt at Recruit at Camp Stone - taken prisoner on Retreat from Rappa. Left - exchanged - Pro Corps and appointed Col Guard ~~discho with Regt~~ Reenlisted in 1st Min Bat. finally Res Commd as 2° Lt. but did not ~~exerc~~ officiate

Res Stockton Monona Co Mo

~~At~~

Alfred Colburn Discharged ~~about~~ 1862 - Whereabouts not Known

Jos C. Chandler wounded at Gettysburg - Discharged in hospital Address not Known

Wm A Coy Wounded at Antietam Dischg Feb. 18. '63 Resides at Mankato

John Day Enlisted in U.S. Reg Cav. Oct 26. '62. last heard from in Wisconsin near Preston Minn

Daniel Drayno Dischg with Regt. whereabouts not known

Geo H Durfee Dischg with Reg.= follow occupation of Artist in washing &c Now Mail Agt on Norfolk Richmond R.R.

Jason Durfee Taken prisoner at 1st Bull Run and died in Richmond prison

Charles S Durfee wounded at Gettysburg Discharged in Hospital after Expiration of term of Enlistment
Now Resides in Moscow

Israel Durr died of wounds Rec at Gettysburg

Chas E Ely Wound at Gettysburg
Winona

John Einfeldt Pro Corp July 18 '62 Pro Sgt Oct. 24. 63 wounded at Gettysburg Discharged with Regt
Winona

John J Evans Pro Corp Dec 1. 61 Disch Nov 28. 62
Lansing Mower Co. Minn

64 afterwards com'd Capt H. Co 11th Infty

Jos S Eaton taken Prisoner 1st Bull Run = Exchanged and joined Regt = Wounded at Gettysburg = Discharged in Hospital after Expiration of term of Enlistment

Mankato

Jackson Morris Co

James M. French Deserted May 1862. Now lives near Centreville Winona Co address Witoka P.O.

Wm H Flemming Disch'd July 13 '61 = Whereabouts not Known

Chas E Goddard Wounded at Gettysburg " Winona

Fritz Grimm Killed at Bull Run

Leslie Flora Pro. Corp. July 18 '62 Killed at Gettysburg

Jacob Gisreiter Killed at Gettysburg

Andrew George Deserted July 28. '61 not heard from since

Hiram Harding wounded at Bull Run Disch. Aug 2. '61
Utica Winona Co Minn
Reenlisted in 15th Reg Empty
Reenlisted in 2d Cavalry

Joseph S. Hill Discharged
with Regt.
Donaldson Ill

Alonzo Holland = Recruit at Camp Stom.
served in 1st Bal after
remainder term
discharge Reg =
Mich

Lewis Hanson wounded at
Gettysburg and sent to hospital
not heard from since

McJarvis Kennedy Discharged
Oct 20. 62

Timothy Kirby Bvt Corp July 18 '62 wounded at Gettysburg discharged in Hospital after Expiration of term of enlistment and died in 1865 from wound's Rec'd at Gettysburg

Wm Kinyon wounded at Gettysburg discharged with Rgt.
~~Money Creek~~
Wiscoy Winona Co

Byron C Knapp Discharged Nov. 29.61. not heard from

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Comelius Ketchum Deserted Mch 62
now heard from

Alfred Kennston Disch^d
April 12. 62
whereabouts not known

John Lynn Entitled in
U.S. R.S. Cav Oct. 24. 62 as
Now Rafting on Wisconsin
River

Charles E. Lincoln taken
prisoner at Bull Run =
Exchanged and discharged
Rec^d Com in 2 Minn Cav.
died on frontier 1866

Oregon B Lacy Discharged in 63 and reenlisted in 9 Minn Vols. Infty
St. Charles Winona Co Min

Joseph Lincoln Discharged Sep 6 1862 - Disabled by falling tree at Fair Oaks
St Chas Winona Co Minn

Malcolm McIntyre Disch ~~with Regt~~ Reenlisted in in 1st Bat
Winona

Stephen E Martin Pro Corp Mch 17.63 Disch'd with Regt.
Miscoy Winona Co Minn

Wm A Martin Killed at Antietam

John Moore Dischd Feb 19.'63 Rushford

Oliver N Moore Pro Corpl Mch '63 Disch Mch 26.'63 Rushford

Henry Morton Killed at Bull Run

John Manning wounded at Antietam Dischd with Regt. Reinlisted as Substitute in my Regt.

Utica Amona C Mann

Allen McDonald
Donell Disch°
Jan y. 62 by request British
Consul Whereabouts not
Know probably somewhere
in Canada

Chas J. North Bro Corp July
1862 as Sgt Oct 9 63
wounded at Gettysburg
disch° with Regt.
Beloit Wisconsin

Samuel Nicklin Wounded
at Bull Run disch°
Dec 18. 62
New York City
Hatch & Co Lithographers

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Wm Rpind Discharged Aug 25 '61 whereabouts not Known

John Palmer = Rec° Appointment 61. from Hospital at Anarapolis. as clerk in war & Dpt Washington D C = there yet

Wm Patton Deserted Oct 62. Whereabouts not Known

Along Picke = Recruit at Camp Elon - Requisted in 1st Mich Bat. Pro Orderly Surgt Minora

J. J. Reynolds enlisted US Reg Cas. Oct 24.62 Wilokka D.

George Raymond disch^d
Aug 1. 64 = and Reenlisted
Whereabouts not Known

Elisha P. Remore Transferred
to Invalid Corps
Co Chas Mine

Edward A Rowley wounded
& Prisoner at Bull Run - disch^d
Utica Winona Co Minn

James O Richardson disch^d
with Regt
Utica Winona Co Minn

Eldridge Smith Disch^d Jan
15. 63 -
Washington D.C.

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Geo C. Smith disch^d Dec 21. 61
Owatonna Minn

Samuel Smith wounded
at Bull Run disch^d
with Regt. last heard
from at Hastings

Wm G. Sargeant Pro Corp
Oct. 24. '63 = disch^d with
Regt. died in Boston 1864

Alexander Shaw wounded
by accidental discharge of
gun at Fair Oaks = Wounded
at Marys heights May 4. 63
disch^d with Regt.
whereabouts not known

Franklin Shuks Dischg with
Regt Mumona

John A Southmayd deserted
Nov 1. '63 not heard from

Augustus H Smith Killed
at Gettysburg.

Wm M Sherman Wounded
at Antietam - Enrolled in
US Reg Cav. Oct. 21. 62
whereabouts not Known

Recruit Camp Stone
John W Selby, Enlisted US
Reg Cav Oct. 24. 62

Andrew J. Powerdell wounded
by accidental discharge of
his gun. Dischg Nov 28. 62
near Elba & Pomona Co Mo

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Moses J Teter discharged 62. not heard from

John Thorp wounded at Boiston Station discha with Reg. Iron Mountain MO

Aaron J Thompson Enlisted US Reg Coa Oct 24 62 - died '84

David Taylor Killed at Gettysburg

Israel M Terrell discha Aug 3. 61 not heard from

Reuben Tennison Deserted Whereabouts not Known

Recruit at Camp Stone

Samuel Penney wounded at Gettysburg Disch with Regt Mar Elba Minn

James Porrier Recruit at Camp Stone Wounded at Gettysburg Reenlisted in 1st Bat. died on way home at (Sa N)

Peter Posey Killed at Gettysburg

Frank Woodard Disch Nov 24.61 not heard from

Warner Warren Wounded at Vienna Disch Oct 14.63

Randolph Wright Pro Corp July 18 62 Killed at Gettysburg

Henry Miller Killed at Gettysburg

Lucius P. Walden Pro Cook Nov 1, 61 Enlisted U.S. Reg Cav. Oct. 24, 62 = Killed in Casalry skirmish near Gettysburg

Wm McCall Killed in the unfortunate affair at Falls Cross Roads Va

Capt H C Slater Appointed
Coln 3d Mnn Vol Infty Nov
15. 61 = Now living in
New York City

1st Lt. Gustavus A Holcombe
Appointed Capt. Nov 15. 61
Killed at Antietam

2d Lt Jos Pierson Appointed
1st Lt Nov 15. 61 = Capt Sept
14. 62. Killed at Gettysburg

1st Lt. J W Searles Appointed
Sept 20. 62 = Pro Capt and
transferred to Ambulance
Corps

2d Lt Wm Lockwood Appointed
Sept 22. 62 Pro 1st Lt and
transferred to Co "E" July 6. 63

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Capt Martin Maguire
Appointed Sep. 24. 63
now in Montanna

1st Sgt J R King transfered
to Co "K" Oct. 2. 63 Pro
Capt and transfered to
Co "G" Nov 6. 63.

"Sergeants"

1st Sgt John Ball Appointed
2d Lt. Nov 16. 61 1st Lt Co F
July 17 62 Capt July 6. 63
Wounded at Bristow Station
Rec Com Lt Col 11 Regt
Min Vol infty

Horatio S Brigham Discha
O Ct 30 62 = Com Capt
2 Minn Cav - Rec Com
in Reg Army = Killed on
frontier

John G Merritt wounded
at Bull Run = Served in
Capacity of Commissary
Sergeant = Discharged with
Reg = Blown up on
Steamer on Southern Miss
bones in leg & arm badly
fractured - recovered and
now holds some office
in Capitol at Washing
ton

Juan E Moor Killed at
Bull Run

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Abram A Brinks =
Reduced Oct 29. 63
last heard from N 27 and
Era RR near Savona

Corporals

Samuel E Stebbins
wounded at Bull Run
discharged Nov 8. 62
Medo Blue Earth Co Minn

David Dudley Pro
Sergt Nov 1. 61 dis of
wounds rec at
Antietam

Garden Expense

To	1	Wooden Rake	$ 25
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George N Burgess
Appointed Sergt. Aug. 8. 61
Color Bearer Killed at
Savage Station

James E Sely enlisted in
U S Reg Cas Oct. 24 62
Killed in Cov Skirmish
near Gettysburg

Matthew Marvin Appointed
Sergt. Dec 9. 61 Wounded
at Harrisons Landing while
laying in his tent by

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accidental discharge
of Gun July 20. 62 =
wounded at Gillyatom of
St Charles. Ill

Wm Smith Killed at
Antietam

Julian Tafans discharged
May 62. not heard
from

Edgar Chapman Appointed
Sergt. Oct 2. 63 DisCh
with Regt
Minnesota City Winona Co Mn

Matthias Kruiner Bugler
DisCh with Regt
Winona

Erick Iverson Drummer
Dis Chg with R & N
Rushford

Negroes

John Dribblebiss
Dis Chg April 10. 63
Minnesota City Winona Co Mn

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1867		House & Lot.	
Do.		Cash paid down	435.00
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Jany 27 "	"	Cancellation 1st Notes	250.00
" "	"	Interest " "	11.25
April	"	Whitewashing	7.50
"	"	Lumber	33.30
"	"	Wall Papers	2.50
"	"	Borders for room	1.00
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SEVENTEENTH

ANNUAL REUNION

—OF THE—

First Regt. Minnesota Volunteers

—AT—

MINNEAPOLIS, JULY 22, 1884.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

H. L. GORDON, President.

JAMES BRYANT, Vice President.

C. F. HAUSDORF, Secretary.

JAMES CANNON, Treasurer.

Programme

1. Comrades will rendezvous and register at Harrison Hall from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Badges and car tickets will be distributed there.
2. At 12 m, we will take a special motor line train for the Lyndale Hotel, Lake Calhoun.
3. We will march, with music by the band, from the depot at Lake Calhoun to the Lyndale Hotel and assemble in the grand hall.
4. Call to order by the President of the Association, and a prayer by our first Chaplain, Rev. E. D. Neill.
5. Welcome address by Hon. Geo. A. Pillsbury, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis.
6. The Banquet. Reserved seats for the invited guests of the Association.

Toasts and Music.

1. "THE UNION"—Formed by our fathers, saved by their sons,—it must and shall be preserved.
   Response by Hon. Morton S. Wilkinson.
   MUSIC BY THE BAND—THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE.
2. "ABRAHAM LINCOLN," — Our second Washington,—the emancipator of four millions of slaves.
   Response by Gen. James H. Baker.
   MUSIC—JOHN BROWN.
3. "THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."
   Response by Hon. J. B. Gilfillan.
4. "THE UNION VETERANS OF THE WAR."
   Response by Hon. Cushman K. Davis.
5. "MAJOR-GENERAL W. S. HANCOCK,"—The hero of Gettysburg.
   Response by Hon Alexander Ramsey.
   MUSIC—HAIL TO THE CHIEF.
6. "THE NORTH STAR STATE."
   Response by Governor L. F. Hubbard.
7. "THE ARMY AND NAVY."
   Response by Hon. John B. Sanborn.
   MUSIC—THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.
8. "The WIVES & WIDOWS OF OUR BOYS IN BLUE."
   Response by Captain O. C. Merriman.
   MUSIC—THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.
9. "To the MEMORY of Our FALLEN COMRADES OF THE FIRST."
   Response by Hon. W D Washburn.
10. "OUR BROTHER SOLDIERS OF THE NORTH STAR STATE."
    Response by Gen. S. P. Jennison.
11. "THE ARMIES OF THE WEST."
    Response by Col. H. G. Hicks.
    MUSIC—MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA.
12. "The VETERAN SOLDIERS OF NEW ENGLAND."
    Response by Col. Geo. H. Johnson.
    MUSIC—YANKEE DOODLE.
13. "The BLUE AND THE GRAY"—Brothers Equally brave, divided by war, but re-united in peace henceforth and forever.
    Response by Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, of the late Confederate Army of Virginia. MUSIC—DIXIE.

The Business Meeting of the Association.

1868

REPUBLICAN

NATIONAL NOMINATIONS.

For President,
ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois.

For Vice President,
SCHUYLER COLFAX, of Indiana.

For Presidential Electors,
WM. G. RAMBUSCH,
OSCAR MALMROS,
C. T. BROWN,
T. G. JONES.

For Congress—First District,
MORTON S. WILKINSON.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Senator,
S. B. SHEARDOWN.

Representatives,
CONRAD BOHN,
S. Y. HYDE,
J. Q. A. VALE.

Register,
CHARLES E. GODDARD.

Auditor,
F. B. BENEDICT.

Attorney,
GEORGE P. WILSON.

County Commissioner—First District,
WILLIAM WEDEL.

County Commissioner—Third District,
W. N. TAYLOR.

Amendment to Section One, Article Seven, of the Constitution,—YES.

Elected Nov 7th 1868

Died Dec 9th 1868

[1868?]

Chas. E. GODDARD
St. Charles Minn.

Fifth Annual Observance

OF

Decoration Day,

BY

Goddard Post No. 4 Department of Minn.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Winona, Thursday, May 30, 1872.

Winona Herald Print.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

The Procession will form in front of Wickersham's Block, Second street, at half past one o'clock P. M., as follows:

Germania Band,
Soldiers' Orphans,
Floral Car,
Goddard Post No. 4, with other ex-Soldiers and Sailors,
Disabled Soldiers in Carriages,
Winona Fire Department,
Young Men of the Normal School.
Young Men of the High and Grammar Schools,
Philharmonic Society,
St. Joseph Benevolent Society.

CARRIAGES.

Orator and President of the Day, and Clergy,
Chorus,
Soldiers' Wives and Widows,
Mayor and City Council,
Board of Education,
Citizens.

LINE OF MARCH.

Center street to Third—Third to Washington—Washington to Second—Second to Walnut—Walnut to Broadway—Broadway to Upper Park.

AT THE CEMETERY.

The Procession will re-form and enter the grounds to the music of a

Dirge,..... Band.
Reading the Order for Observing the Day.....N. Buck.
Music,.....Chorus.
Prayer,.....Rev. T. M. Riley.
Music,.....Chorus.
Introductory Address,.....Hon. Thos. Simpson.
National Air.....Chorus and Band.
Annual Address,..... Capt. Henry A. Castle.
[Commander Department of Minnesota, G. A. R.]
Music,.....Band.

The Decorating Ceremonies will then be performed by the Soldiers' Orphans escorted by Goddard Post No. 4. All are respectfully invited to aid us in paying this tribute to the memory of our country's departed Soldiers.

List of Soldiers Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Thomas Slavin, George Mushrosh, Charles Billings, Rolla J. Leach, — Philbrick, Chas. F. Wagner, Henry Bennett, Chas. E. Goddard, Mathew Foster, W. A. Burgess, W. E. Sargeant, E. R. Albridge, M. M. Ehle, —. McIntyre, Robt. Cully, John Vilbrook, John E. Goldtrip, — Taylor, Revolutionary Soldier, who died in this vicinity a few years ago at the age of 104 years.

Decoration of the Cross and Altar.

Presentation of Wreath in memory of Capt. E. H. Kennedy, Tenth Minn. Infantry, who died in Owatonna, May 7, 1872, by C. E. Ely, Commander Goddard Post No. 4, G. A. R.

Presentation of Wreaths, by the Orphans of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, in memory of their fathers and of Soldiers who are slumbering far away on the battlefields and in distant Cemeteries.

Closing Ode, (America,).....Chorus, Band and Audience.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where our fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save,
By Thy great might.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

Prayer and Benediction.... .....Rev. J. S. Peregrine.

The Procession will again form at the park and return to the place of starting, where the various Socities will be dismissed, which will conclude the exercises of the day.

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President of the Day,

HON. THOS. SIMPSON.

Floral Committee,

Mrs. Thos. Simpson,
Mrs. M K. Drew,
Mrs. A. Holland,
Mrs. Wm. H Stevens,
Mrs. B. H. Langley,
Mrs. J. G. Nind,
Mrs. Thos. Wilson,
Mrs. W. H. Laird,
Mrs. J. C. Laird,
Mrs. M. J. Laird,
Mrs. Jas. Norton,
Mrs M. G. Norton,
Mrs. J. A. Mathews,
Mrs. Chas. Horton,
Mrs. P. G. Hubbell,
Mrs. C. N. Waterman.
Mrs. H. M. Burchard.
Mrs. J. Hollingworth,
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Mrs. C. H. Blanchard.
Mrs. Dr. Ford.
Mrs. Mark Willson,
Mrs. E. S. Youmans,
Mrs. W. S. Grant,
Mrs. J. G. Swart.
Miss Ida Johnson,
Miss Mary Mathews,
Miss Jenet Mitchell,
Miss Rhoda Randall,
Miss Nettie Forest,
Miss Ella Small,
The Misses Thorne,
" " Wilson,
Miss Sallie Morrill,
Miss Minnie Raymond,
Miss Ella Evans,
Miss Helen Gale,
Miss Holbrook,
Miss Siddie Banks,
Miss Hattie Burchard.
Miss Mary Miller,
Miss Emer Ridgeway,
Miss Laura Hodgins.

Committee of Arrangements,

J. C. PALMER,
C. E. ELY,
R. D. LEFLER.
NORMAN BUCK,

Committee on Finance.

C. E. ELY,
W. W, DOTY,
J. C. PALMER.
NORMAN BUCK,
C. STONE.

MARSHALS,

J. C. PALMER,
OLIVER JONES.
NORMAN BUCK.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL RE-UNION

FIRST MINNESOTA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION.

DEAR COMRADE:—The annual re-union of the 1st Minnesota Regiment Association will be an encampment, at Camp Gorman,

MANKATO, JUNE 19TH AND 20TH, 1878,

Yourself and family are earnestly requested to be present. Dear Comrade, the land is filled with milk and honey, come and receive it, "without money and without price," for the citizens of Mankato will be glad to receive you.

St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad will issue round trip tickets at 3 cents per mile, and Winona and St. Peter road for one and one-fifth usual rates.

R. L. GORMAN Sec'y JAS CANNON, Pres't.

To the able and efficient

Correspondent

First National Bank

Minneapolis

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Memorandum.

From UNION NATIONAL BANK.

CHICAGO, JUN 24 1884 188

To Mr. Smith
Correspondent 1st Nat'l Bank
Minneapolis Minn

Would you have the kindness in making up your remittances for us — not to put anything but bank Checks (and what we call cash items, i.e.: demand items on Milwaukee, St Louis, Cleveland, Toledo, etc.) — in the "cash item slip" — Recently I have noticed that many of your "rem. slips" contained city collections, time and outside drfts.

Excuse the request, if too much trouble to comply & command me at any time I can serve you.

Yours — J. A. Rowe — Correspondent.

3026 Monday 1884 Wrong? Check Slip

THE OLDEST AND ONLY DAILY PAPER IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CONNECTED WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The Winona Daily Republican.

Daily Established 1859. THE D. SINCLAIR PUB. CO. Weekly Established 1855.

Winona, Minn., October 10 1891

Mr. Orrin F. Smith.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the papers relating to early Patriotic days in Winona, which you were so kind as to send to me, and thank you very cordially for your courtesy.

The matter is referred to in a descriptive article in The Republican, a copy of which is mailed to your address herewith.

Again thanking you I am very truly yours.

D. Sinclair.

1830. 2604.1919. Orrin F. Smith, G.

TWENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL

REUNION

—OF—

'The Old First'

—AT—

Winona, June 2, 1896.

GUEST.

De Smet, So. Dak. Mar. 29th. -12.

To Orrin E. Smith
Winona, Minn.

My Dear Boy.-

When you ask me of the teachers and Schools of these early days, you bring me back to life again with a flood of pleasent memories.

Only sixty years ago Winona and the surrounding country was a vast game preserve, owned by the Indians.

They lived dirty and happy, the weird music of the Tom-Tom could be heard upon most any pleasant evening

Nature had run riot for ages and spread the good things, with the scenery thrown in: Help your self, and go to it.-

The day of the white man had come, and among others a bare footed boy, parted the grass and waded throughiit on the levee that was to be Winona.-

The river bank was lined with luxuriant verdure and to the mind of the youth, the march of civilization had reached a beauty spot that put to shame the Garden of Eden itself.-

Youth: what is the Glamour of it ;? The man who wrote of Heaven did not know what he was telling about. He was not a youth, nor was he at Winona in 1852.

In 1854 on Front street about 300 feet east of the Railway bridge; was a school of sunburned, bare footed one suspendered doughnut eaters; presided over by a lady whose name is to memory lost, she were glasses gracefully, and "made good". She landed on the craniums of the youth with the map of every place, and the multplication table set to music.-

Her sweet voice and pleasant smile tastes good after these long years

In 54 Winona grew like a mushroom, and Miss Almeda Twitchell came to bat; she fought the main springs of deviltry in the youth of that day.

She had a hard job, The town had grown; and fifty or at times more unruly fighters and their sisters, had to be shown the road to civilization.- Almeda did not have any time to spare to crimp her locks, or play with the powder puff.-

Her Temple of learning, was on Front street south of the site of the Porter Milling Co.

That was during the days that Front street or the spot between the two flouring mills was the center of gravity.

It was there that you found the Post Office the Land Office, and near by, not 300 feet away the Swell Saf

1892 F. Aug. 1930. Orrin E. Smith

conducted by one of the best women on earth- your mother.-

"The Banks and the Booze venders were not far away, they were after the tenderfoot's money ; now they all sleep peacefully side by side in the Cemetery quite forgotten .

"But with the teachers it was differant, where they handed you what they knew, either by a smile or a slate frame it stayed .-

"Henry Bolcom had several terms on second street, most any old place was good enough; but you had to to make good , for Bolcom was handy with the ferule.- He did business in his court.-

"At an old ram shackle building near Fifth street and between Lafayette and Walnut, the first attempt was made to establish a graded school. Primary and intermediate below , and the more advanced scholars above.

"Deacon Thomas was the first principal; he opened the school evry morning with prayer. He had a very bad habit, he would open his eyes during devotion ; some of the bad ones thought it irreverant , it put a handicap on any diversion that might be going on, as often at the conclusion of the service some derelict was due for a trimming; which was administerd in public.-

"The boys :- well they were not Angels, made his tutorship very strenuous .-

"W.J.Walker, who followed Thomas ,was a scholar and a very conscientious man; one whom the boys of the present day would call easy . He eased off somewhat on the prayer ,but got hold of the better instincts of the youth and made good progress considering the large attendance and lack of proper facilaties .

"Goodie Hubbell, Herbert Hubbell, Rodie Randall,Mrs. Begart, ~~then~~ Euphemia Low, and Letta Newman were all star students at that time, scholarship and department of a high order . They should be able to assist you in building your pictures of the past better than I can do.

"However I am glad you asked me , for it is a real pleasure to run wild over those bluffs and hills again as they were before civilization despoiled them."

Truly Yours

Chas. E. Ey

De Smet, So. Dak. April, 5th. -12.

Orrin F. Smith
Winona, Minn.

My Dear Boy.-

Thanks, Orrie Thanks, for the copy of the Winona Republican Herald together with the elegant suplement .-

Enclosed I send you a dollar .

If you can get three copies of the paper of the 2d. inst. and mail them for me ; together with the supplement, I will do most any stunt you ask of me and thank you besides.

Master John Graham Ely Room 425 Hotel Lenox, Buffalo N.Y.
Master Ray Ely Vale So. Dak.
Mrs. Edward Ely No. 120 East 26th. St. Portland Oregon.

The two lads are my grand sons . The other my mother Who is still at the bat" at 94 years .

Yes Orrie the story you tell of Clarence Hubbard and Charlie Goddard is true , as to me tackling Angelia Cere who attempted an interference, I do not remember; but will admit that I was competant , and will say that at that time if I did not get licked once each day ; that I went home feeling that I had not gotten what belonged to me.-

But this opens up a new subject , in which the events follow so fast , some of them good, many of them bad ; but all go to make a pretty good old world that is worth living in.-

This is a good place to stop or I may say somthing so By-by for to-day

Your Loving Friend

Cha E. Ely

1892 F ?

Va

Camp near Falmouth
Jan 16th 1863

Dear Brother I received your kind letter of the 4th day of Jan yesterday. Everything still continues very quiet here. but we expect a more busy day. Every letter I get from you, you say that Brother Owen still continues sickly I wonder what makes it. I am afraid the little fellow will never be very heathy, but if he gets to school once I think he may work it off. Eli is well and getting along fine also Chas Tooth. Brink, John Lyons was over from the 1st Regular Cavalry the other day he looks fine

Brother I would like to know if you and Owen have plenty of Clothing and if you have plenty

of wood to keep you warm. You say in the last letter you have plenty to eat so that is all right You asked me in one of your letters if I took the Herald I do not take any paper but I some times buy the Herald and as often buy some other paper when I have money My opinion of Horace Greely and Gordon Bennett is not very flattering I can tell you. as for Greely I consider that when such leaders as his are still the Union is safe. as for Bennett I have look all over and I cant find him any where. he always bets on the hoss that wins. I should have to consider a long while before I could make up my mind which I liked best Another word this army longs for Mc Clellan to come back. it is not

me alone that longs for him to
come back. but every one in this
army. if you meet any one on
detail from any other corps it
is the first thing you hear him
say. I wish Mr. Cullen would come
back. and the war department would
support him. then every thing would
go right. There was to have been a
review to day but the weather
would not admit of it. so the
order was countermanded.
I am glad to hear that the
folks enjoyed themselves
Christmas and New Years and
I know they had a good dinner
without any body telling me
for they never fail. and its a good
turkey that will weigh 17 lbs I
think. I think it wont be many
weeks before we get paid off again

then I will send some home to you. if you are short of money you will have to live on hope a little while according to an act of congress we were to be paid off before the 15th of Jan up to the 1st Jan but it is the 16th and we are not paid yet. there is 4 months due no when it comes. Other I get my pay I am going enter in to a contract with you. I will send you money to buy postage stamps and every letter you send put in a three cent stamp and a one cent stamp but this contract shall not go in to effect until I get paid Postage stamps are so hard to get here in fact we cant get them. the letters that are sent from here have the stamps on that come in the letters they recd from home Good by Mother and B sister

C. C. Lawrence
Co. E 1st Reg

Camp Near Falmouth Jan 1st/863

Dear Brother I received your kind letter this morning. If you remember we were last year at Camp Stone Md and I think I enjoyed my self much better than I have here. but I did not come in the Army for enjoyment and I cannot expect it One year ago last night I was on guard and on post from 11 o'clock to 1 had the pleasure of seeing the old year out and new year in and I strained my eyes to see if there was any differance but the new year looked about the same as the old. that night I let one of my comrads in camp with a basket of apples and jug of cider. but that poor fellow has gone to his last resting place. he was shot at the battle of Antietam in the right breast and died I would gladly wish him a happy new year but I can not.

Christmas was very dull day. nothing going on of any account it seemed as if there was no body in camp I was on guard the day before Christmas but fortunately got off at 9 o clock Christmas morning but my partner was less fortunate. he being a late bird did not get out in time for guard mount and he had to spend Christmas four more in the guard house We still wish for General McClellan here and there is a great many think that there can be nothing done without him. I take Burnside at his word he says he cannot comand such an Army as this and I think he can not. Ely is all up and a coming he is healthy as ever. all of the rest are getting along fine that come from your house and seem to be in good spirits as far as I can see

We have a splendid little house here to live in and you can bet we dont want to leave hear in a hurry. we have a table bunk chairs and a fine fire place and every thing very comfertable for winter quarters, but we are afraid that we wont get a chance to live in them all winter. there is 4 of us in one of these houses We have fine weather here now not very cold but nice warm weather I do not think this will continue to long for I know that in 2W a not long after the 1st of Jan we had some rain. and then what weather mud up to our knees. Ruben Black and Susan Moor are at last married I hope it is a happy union. but it seems it took two second gentleman to marry

them. I have a nice china cup that I would like to send home to Brother Owen for I know he would like it to drink his tea and coffee I have no way of sending it so I will have to give up the idea it came from Fredricksburg

Jan 2d. Before I could finish this letter the orders came to pack up and get ready to go on picket so I had to leave my letter and prepaid. We went out on picket and did not have a very bad time. Give my love to Brother Owen and tell him I wish him a happy Christmas and New Year. tell him he must be a good boy and one of these times he and I will have a fine time Give my best respects to all of my friends Tell Cousin Evelyn I wish her a happy new year also little Frankey and the rest of my cousins Good by Brother C E Goddard

MINNEAPOLIS & RAINY RIVER RAILWAY CO. NORTH STAR ROUTE

GENERAL OFFICE
LUMBER EXCHANGE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Orrin! - Got here O.K. Fontine - this is plains itself - Had a very nice day for which I thank you all & hope you will all be much better physically soon. Fred.

Mch/13/16.

Mr. Geo. B. Merrick,
360 West Washington St.,
Madison, Wis.

My dear Merrick:--

Spent yesterday with our good friend Orrin F. Smith, at Winona. When I say that I arrived at his house on Saturday eve. about 8:45 and did not go out of doors again untill something after 5 Sunday after noon, you can imagine that we were interested in something

Mr. Smith has some 20 scrap books made by his Mother and covering happenings around Winona from 1855 to 1883. While the books contain mostly general stuff there is a good deal of river stuff therein, as you already know from the copies already sent to you and those enclosed herewith which Orrin has kindly "set up nights" to make and send to me. You can return the enclosed when you have milked them.

There is much in these books that would interest you and I would very much like to have you see them. However, a great deal of the river information has been copied. Am satisfied, though, that, in addition to the pleasure you would get from looking through the books, that you would find a good deal of value in this river work.

Mr. Smith, contrary to what his name would naturally convey, is in no way related to the old Galena "Orrin". He is the son of Alexander B. Smith, who lived at Winona--where Orrin was born some 60 years ago, and was something of a river man, having been pilot on flaating rafts, and possibly on a steamboat occasionally. Orrin has no great information regarding his Father's river career and if you have anything regarding him will you please send it to Orrin F. Smith, #175 West 4th. St., Winona, Minn. It will be carefully cared for and returned to you.

Orrin got his name from the fact that his father was a great admirer of the Galena Orrin, and the present Orrin is very anxious to learn what he can regarding the Galena man. I do not recall that you have published him in the Post articles. If you have would like to have you give the date of the issue and we will try and get a copy for Orrin. If you have not, wish you would send what you have regarding the Old Orrin to the present one that he may look it over. As you may know, the old Orrin was the founder of Winona and the present one has access to a good deal of matter regarding the old one which he can give you and perhaps add to the completeness of the article--if not already published.

The present Orrin was agent for some years for Diamond Jo Line in Winona but was never actively on the river. He was, however, in close touch for many years with everything that was going on there.

With best regards,

Yours,

Capt. Cassidy took dinner with us at the Smith home, which added to the pleasures of the occasion.

WINONA

Genealogical Data of Early Lumbermen at Winona, furnished by Orrin F. Smith of Winona, January 1931.

Peter Nevins Laird	Mrs. M. B. Chadwick Owatonna, Minnesota Willard I. Laird c/o C.G.W. Ry. Des Moines, Iowa
John Chamberlain Laird	Allison W. Laird Potlatch Idaho Scott Laird Thief River Falls, Minn.
Matthew James Laird	Warren P. Laird Dean University of Penn. Philadelphia, Penn. Robert H. Laird Philadelphia, Penn. Mrs. Julian Willard 917 Walnut Street Hollidaysburg, Penn.
William Harris Laird	Mrs. Frederic S. Bill Mrs. Samuel L. Prentiss Briarwood Farms Rural Delivery Winona, Minnesota
James L. Norton	William W. Norton Mrs. F. H. Thatcher 275 West Wabasha Street Mrs. I. J. Mc Burnie 259 West Wabasha Street Winona, Minnesota
Matthew George Norton	Mrs. Emma B. Norton Miss Beulah Norton 25 So. Orange Grove Ave. Pasadena, California
Charles Horton	Mrs. Alice R. Horton 254 Franklin Street Winona, Minnesota Frank Horton 255 Harriet Street Winona, Minnesota
Charles Horton	Mrs. Robt. E. Tearse Mrs. John R. Marfield Mrs. Charles P. Crangle Mrs. Frank Carnahan Minneapolis, Minnesota

Andrew Hamilton	Mrs. Agnes H. Reed Centreville, Wisconsin, R.F.D.
Addison B. Youmans	Harry S. Youmans 328 West Fifth Street Winona, Minnesota
Earle S. Youmans	C. M. Youmans 227 Wilson Street Winona, Minnesota Mrs. Florence Y. Boothe California
Abner F. Hodgins	Mrs. Sarah A. Ralphe 518 West Wabasha Street Mrs. H. N. Martin 531 West Broadway Winona, Minnesota
Laird Norton & Co. 1856	William Harris Laird Matthew James " James L. Norton Matthew G. Norton
Laird Brothers 1855	Peter Nevins Laird John Chamberlain Laird Matthew James " William Harris "
Horton & Hamilton	Charles Horton Andrew Hamilton
Youmans Bros. & Hodgins	Earle S. Youmans Addison B. " Abner F. Hodgins

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[Enclosing items of Nov. 22, 1870 and Dec. 10, 1870]

Winona, Minn.
August 23rd , 1923

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Saint Paul
Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck

Noting that Mr. Lawrence Hodgson had suggested that recollections of pioneers be sent in I am enclosing a letter or rather a copy of one that, it seems to me, ought to qualify.

It was written to my mother who was, by her first marriage, Mrs. Abner S, Goddard and later married my father Alexander B. Smith.

The writer at the time was I believe a New York state representative and his letter is as good a one as can be written by any of the pioneers now living.

Hoping that it will be found acceptable I remain
Yours truly

Orrin F. Smith

ELLIS B. USHER
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

A Happy New Year
For you, I choose!
With naught to ever
Invite the blues,
Or cast a doubt on
On the word I use.

Ellis B. Usher

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Mr. and Mrs. Orrin F. Smith,

Winona, Minnesota.

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Winona, Minn. March 10th. 1929

Dr. Grace Lee Nute
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Nute

Acknowledging your letter of the 7th. herewith it may be of interest to know that it may be possible to send to you the old letters which were given to an old friend in California. They will probably be returned in a few days and when received will be forwarded to you.

There is interesting matter in some of them but whether, or not, there is anything of historic value it's up to the people that know to judge.

The writer of most of the letters was Mr. Stephen Goddard, the father of my mother's first husband Abner S. Goddard. The others were mostly by brothers of the latter. Stephen Jr. fell not among thieves but among Mormons and it did not please his father.

Stephen Sr. had a brother named Emmerson whose wife was I think, Lydia Hough, and as the Goddard's farm in Missouri in the early "Forties," or at least, their Post Office was in Liberty, Clay County I've a notion that Emmerson Hough, the beginning of whose Covered Wagon story was laid in that particular place, belonged to the Goddard family. Dr. Lydia Hough Stockwell of Atchison, Kansas, a grand daughter of Stephen Goddard and a niece of my mother's husband was as I understand named for Emmerson Goddard's wife. I may not, however, be right in my supposition.

The "Log" of my mother's wedding journey to Illinois in 1833 as kept by Mr. Goddard is enclosed herewith for inspection. Along with it is enclosed a bit of explanation.

My mother made a brain racking trip back to Pennsylvania, with two small children, in 1849 and another to the west in 1850, with three children and accompanied by her brother, John C. Laird who was more or less prominent here in an early day. The first leg of the journey was as novel as was her original one.

The copy of the Lewisburg Standard, preserved by my grandmother is also enclosed for inspection.

A letter written by Abner S. Goddard, who taught the first school in La Crosse, Wisconsin, too is enclosed. In it a tribute

is paid to Captain Orrin Smith who founded Winona and for whom I was named. Captain Smith spent his winters in La Crosse with the family of his brother Samuel T. Smith and they were near neighbors of the Goddards in 1851-52.

Again apologies are made for wearying you.

With all good wishes

Sincerely

(Signed) Orrin F. Smith

[Original in General Office Correspondence File]

[Enclosing poem "To Chas. E. Goddard" [1859?] and certificate of discharge from U.S. Army, [1860?]

Extract from letter of August 14, 1925

Winona, Minn.

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For a boy just turned sixteen Charlie had a thrilling time during the Battle of Bull Run and before and after the battle.

He was mustered into Company K. of the First Regiment Minnesota Volunteers two weeks before reaching the age of sixteen.

Enclosed is a little poem, written at the time by a friend of my mother's. Also is enclosed is a discharge paper handed Charlie by the hospital surgeon on finding out or learning that the boy was seventeen or less.

I well remember that his heart was nearly broken when it was tried to send him home.

As I told you when in Saint Paul, I have a small oil painting of the little old hotel at Centreville Virginia, on the porch of which Charlie and about a dozen other sick soldiers lay during the battle of Bull Run.

The picture was painted by Mrs Jane W. Ely, wife of Elder Edward Ely, from a cut that appeared in Harpers' Weekly and that was sent home with one of the letters that you now have.

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(signed) Orrin F. Smith