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Go All whom it May Concern



Know ye, That *Lewis C Bisbee* a *Private* of *Captain*
Volunteers *Company I,* *16* *Regiment of Me Vols* who
 was enrolled on the *16* day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and
sixty two to serve *Nine years*, is hereby Discharged from the service of
 the United States, this *26* day of *August*, 1862, at
Augustine by reason of *Permanence*

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)*

Said *Lewis C Bisbee* was born in *Wentworth* in the State
 of *Maine*, is *28* years of age, *5* feet *10* inches
 high, *Light* complexion, *Blue* eyes, *Brown* hair, and by occupation, when
 enrolled, a *Joiner*

Given at *Augustine* this *26* — day of *August* 1862.

* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct
 or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

J. M. Martin
Vice & Co. Command

OATH OF IDENTITY.

of

County of

On this day of in the year
one thousand eight hundred and sixty- personally appeared before
me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the county and
above mentioned who, being duly sworn according
to law, declared that he is the identical
who was a

in the company commanded by Captain
in the regiment
commanded by that he enlisted
on the day of for the term of
and was discharged at on
the day of by reason of

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

I certify that before whom the above
affidavit purports to have been made, is a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to
administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my official seal, this day of

in the year

at

in the State of

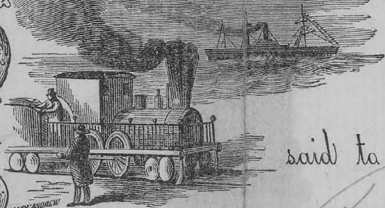
Clerk of the





EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY,

RAIL-ROAD EXCHANGE COURT SQUARE. BOSTON.



Augusta, April 20 1863

Received of

W. S. Fiske

package,

said to contain

Sixty Sacks

directed to

R. P. Briggs Auburn

to be forwarded to destination at our risk so far only as our route extends, perils of the

sea and fire excepted

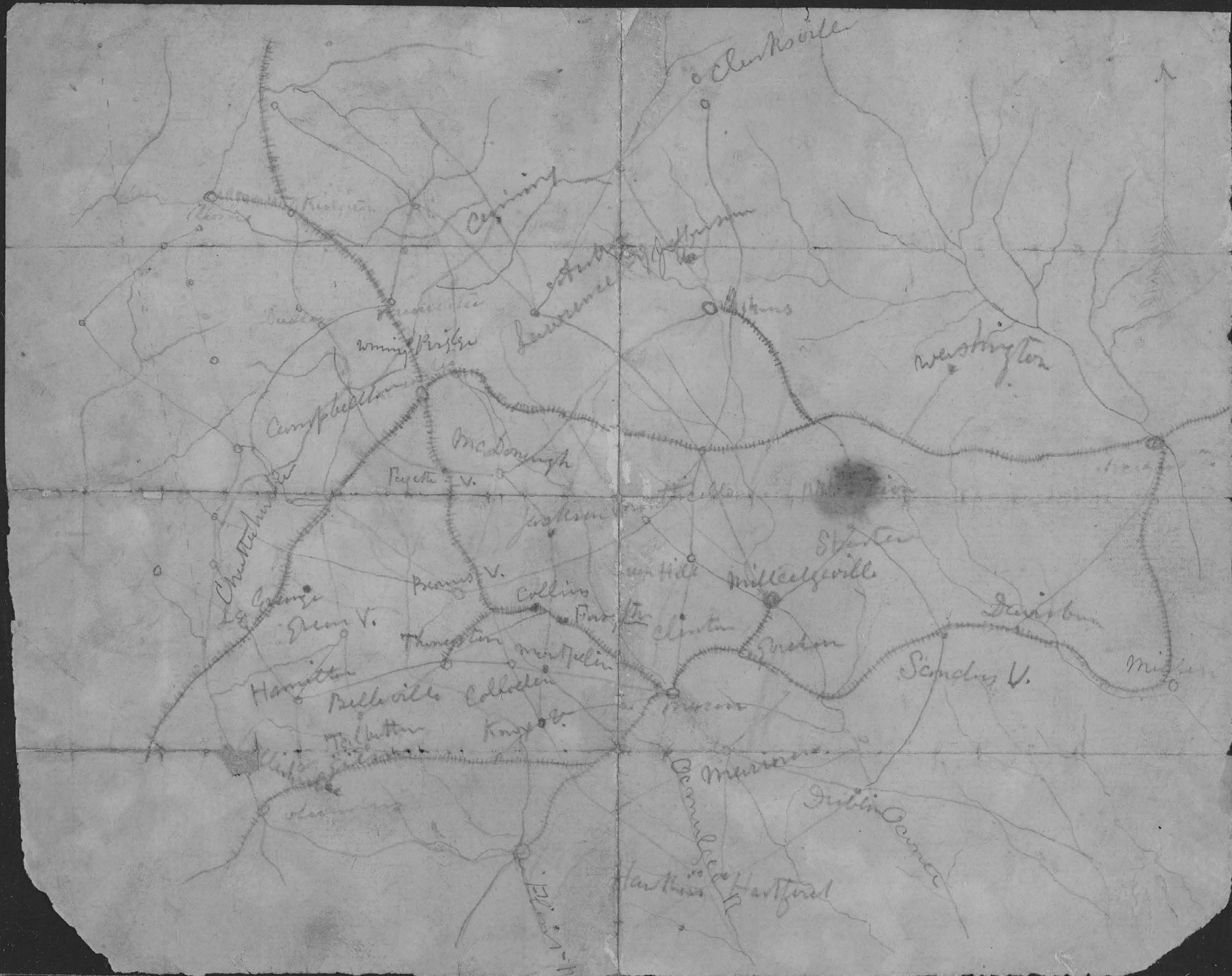
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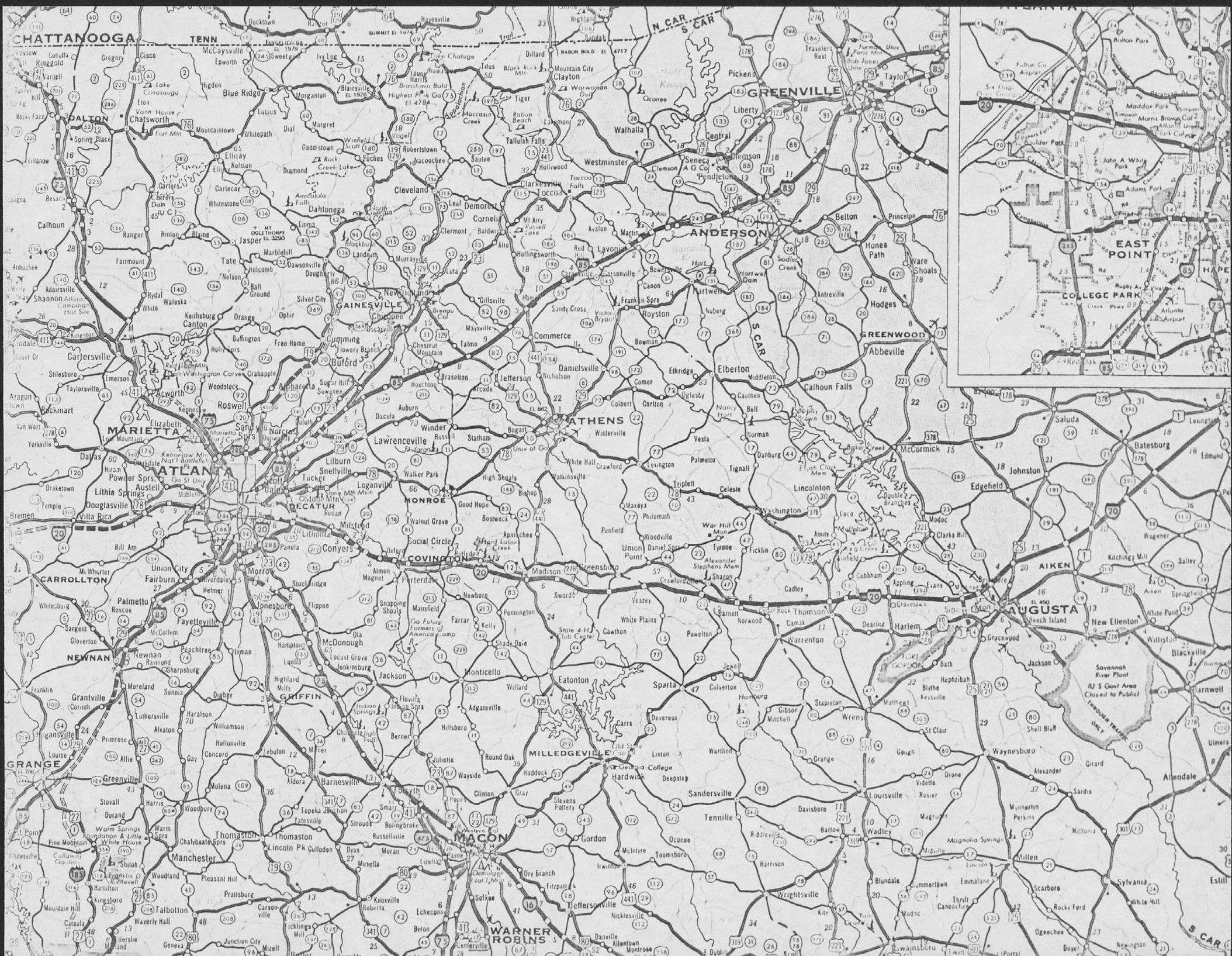
J. H. Prince

Office Commissary Department
1st Brig 2nd Div 1st A.C.
May 21st 1863

I certify that Sicut S.C. Bristle
Co I 16th Regt Maine Vols. is not
credited to this department

Nathan Hughes
Captain C.S.





Libby Prison Richmond February 28th 1864.

Friend Briggs - I am in good health. Boxes are all right now. Send me a razor and 'fixins' to go with it - an officers cap
H. H. - Reading matter - Military History and Biography, S. Welch Journal, Geometry, Stationery ² large blank diaries ruled
for Autographs. letter every week. To Wife - Two letters rec'd 3rd & 7th inst. If ~~Ex~~ pressmen don't know their
business, send boxes on wheelbarrow, send boxes anyhow - they are sent from Fortress M., every boat and car being
issued now. Send Ham, Flour, Sugar Butter, Rice, Tea, String nailed, boxes, send no money in letters. No Exchange.
I am in good spirits, & is doing well, weather very fine. Write to ^{care} Hawaii for me. My love to all (R.P. Will you pass this to wife)

A. C. Bisbee

Capt Co. I. 10th Me. Inf.

1st Brigade 2nd Division 1st Army Corps.

~~Grain~~

~~Butter, Flour, Beans~~

~~Lard, Pork, S. Hutton~~

~~Cham. Eggs~~

~~Wheat, Sticks~~

~~Corn, Beans, Gingers~~

~~Wheat, Beans, S. Hutton~~

~~Butter, Sticks, S. Hutton~~

~~Wheat, Beans, S. Hutton~~

~~Butter, Flour, S. Hutton~~

~~Butter, S. Hutton~~

~~Wheat, Sticks~~

~~Butter, S. Hutton~~

~~Wheat, S. Hutton~~

L. C. B. B.

Amherst, N. H. 1858

Now you are getting along and all the more
I will write to you - now - you write me
Charleston S. C.

Aug. 25th 1864.

Capt. L. C. Bisbee
16th Regt. Me. Vols.

Captain

I will write you
a brief letter and let you hear how we
are getting along now-a-days. We (the Me.
folks) are all well. We are quite well situated
and get along comfortably. We are on parole
and are allowed ~~the~~ a large yard to exercise
in, and that with the good quarters we have
is very much better than anything we had in
Macon. Our rations are very much better than
we received at Macon. Our ration is quite good.
I have no money to send you now, but I am try-
ing to get some from home and if I do I shall
remember you. Exchange stock is not very
high with us though we have many flattering
rumors concerning exchange. Remember me
to Lt Bisbee, Deering, Childs Wadsworth and all.
Write soon - Respectfully M. S. Smith

Captain L. C. & Lt. W. D. Bisbee
16th Regt. Maine Vols.
Prisoners of War
Savannah
Georgia

George W. Starr.
Capt 104th Regt New York Vols.
Rochester, New York.

John C. Whiteside
Capt. 94th N.Y. Vols
Wyoming Co. York.

James H. Cain
Lieut. 104th Regt. N.Y. Vols
Albany N.Y.

Willard H. Glacier
Lieut "Harris Light" Cavalry
Fowler - St Lawrence Co
N.Y.

Wagoners Camp, Middlebury T. N. June 11, 1846

Dear wife - I was, day before yesterday at once surprised and
delighted to get a letter from you. I have not been in a long time
reading your news so you made a happy mistake that I am in
the country to this place. The last letter I recd from you was dated
May 15th. You do not say that you are well, but I suppose that
you are - My health is quite good every thing as usual. I was quite
unwell in July - came out having the scurvy. I sent you a
box of Attorney in July - I suppose you did not get it.
I want to tell you how you stand in my estimation - and I
am glad to say I will send you a letter from the House. I will send you a
box of dollars - send by mail a quantity of letters from me and my
children - also a package of Cayenne pepper and some pills.
Put them in a little bag so as to be opened secretly. I am very glad
that you have moved. Where is Eliza & William Harlow - how are
they and Charles and all the folks - it has been a long time
all. If I have any friends here to write, I am in no danger
of forgetting to do so about you, but that. Give the children a great
many of love - tell them I盼望 to see them very much.
I hope to see you all. My trust is in a higher power than mine
and I trust I shall be a better man. Give my love to all - especially
to the children - tell them that I hope to see them again. Remember
me to all. 3-3

Mother and your folks, (I want you to preserve these as I had to do
with my Autographs Book). Love, I hope to see you all
at home. Sept 1st 1846

E. A. Penneyacker
Capt. 18th Penna. Cav.
Pheasant Pa.

J. C. Rockwell
Lt 94th N.Y.V.
Boonville
N.Y.

M. W. Moore
Lieut. 8th Mich. Cav.
Grand Rapids
Mich.

A. H. Ballard
Lt 6th Mich. Cav.
Grand Rapids
Michigan

G. Haepin
Lieut. 116th Regt. B. V. I.
Washington D. C.

James A. Coffin
Capt 154th Regt M. I.
Marston, N. S.

J. V. Pool
Capt 154th M. I.
Springfield, N. S.

Byron Davis
Lieut. 41st Pa. Vol
Newport Pa.

Brion Camp near Columbia, S.C. Nov 4 1864.

My' Geo B. Mc Knight Sir - I wish to make some arrangement with some person residing in that vicinity who has a friend in Federal Prison, to furnish me with the money or supplies in payment for which I will send an equivalent, as may be agreed upon to be forwarded to one or persons as may be designated within the Federal lines, I will make it a pleasure in executing a power of Attorney by which my pay may be drawn for payment in Washington, or in any other satisfactory manner.

If you have knowledge of an opportunity of this kind you will confer a great favor by referring the person interested to me. If not please insert an advertisement to the above effect in the paper with which you are connected. Enclosed find (\$5.00) money to defray expense. My excuse or apology, addressing you in this abrupt manner is the necessity of obtaining assistance from some source, and the fact that you had but recently returned from captivity - led me to think that you might be acquainted with parties who would gladly avail themselves of this mode of helping their friends to money &c. Having been a prisoner you can sympathize with a prisoner. Yours Respectfully

W. G. Lymbura

1st Lieut & Adjt 4th Mich Vol
Chicago Ills

E. A. Wolcott

Capt. 16th Ills. Cavalry
Chicago, Ills.

T. A. M. Tree

1st Lieut. 1st Va. Infy
Wellburg, west. Va.

M. B. Helms

1st Lt 1st West Va Infy
Cameron, west. Va.

At Savannah, Georgia where we arrived on the 2nd of July we were confined (five hundred and sixty two of us) in the guard or enclosure belonging to what was the U.S. Marine Hospital. It was used as a City Prison. The guard contained about one acre surrounded by brick and board fence fifteen feet high. There were twenty five trees mostly live oak and afforded us good shade. Wedge tents were issued to us at the rate of one to six men. One of these tents will cover a space six by seven feet. The rations issued were the best we have received in the Confederacy and consisted of one ration of bacon and 6 lbs of fresh beef each seven days, all the rice in plenty and meal so that we could sell and still have plenty for our horses. The officers were very gentlemanly and kind and also were the most we were subjected to a most stringent guard. There was no one we were allowed to be brought into camp - but we usually got ^{day} by one source or another the officers of the day come guard and they furnished them when they could. Taking every thing into consideration we had better treatment at Savannah than at any prison ^{we have} been confined in the Confederacy.

On the evening of the twelfth of Sept we were ordered to be ready to move at the two days cooked rations at 4 o'clock next morning. I took myself (being now by myself) cooked a loaf of bread a small piece of rice and a canteen of crust coffee for our journey. At seven we took the cars for Charleston and after a tedious ride in box cars arrived at the Old Ladies of Seclusion at 3 P.M. 3-1

N. S. Calver
16th St. Cal
Hamilton House Chicago
Ill

John Craig
Capt. 10th Pa. Inf.
Wheeling West Va.

W. J. Barnes
Capt. 9th May Son
New York

Mrs. H. Bricker
Lt. 3rd Pa. Cav
Newville, Cumberland Co. Pa.
Penn. ^{or}

Marching one mile through filthy and dusty streets we found our
 quarters in the yard of City Jail - this is a large lot than an acre and
 the large jail building inside of it - There are 70 tents in all for our
 accommodation. The yard is enclosed by a brick wall 16 ft high - There is a sink
 in the yard the vent of which is overrunning with filth and dissemi-
 nating its offensive vapor through all the surrounding atmosphere.
 The ground is damp and we are provided with nothing to protect our
 selves with - we are obliged to spread our blankets upon the ground
 in the distribution we sleep - On Thursday the 15th we drew 6 days rations con-
 sisting for two of us of 2 qts meal - pint of flour, a little salt, a little soft soap
 we received for three days about 1/2 lb beef each per day. On Sunday we
 got 3 days rations of ~~beef~~ ^{bacon} on all amounting to about 1/2 lb for two of us, and
 1/2 pint of molasses each. Yesterday the 18th we stinked ourselves to
 the meal, bean rice and rice coffee for breakfast and the last of our
 meal and flour meal into fritters with our bacon fried for dinner
 and supper here. This morning we cooked and ate the last of our
 rice for breakfast. So it is go without meat until we change again which
 will be to night or tomorrow. During Tuesday, Wednesday,
 and Friday the shelling did not attract particular attention but
 on Saturday about noon a fire broke out about two squares away from
 us and in the range of our batteries - When they opened firing we
 in 10 minutes for a while and setting two other fires, the flames
 spread and the smoke from the other being visible, too. The shelling
 was somewhat more than before - and a few bombs were
 and there were being a little shot - but the shelling was

John McAdams
Plt. 10th Dist Va vols
Whiting West Va

James H Poole
1st Lieut 1st Va Cav
Martinsburg Va

St. C. Abernathy
Adj't 16th Iles. Cav.
Paris, Mo.

Isaac Johnson
2nd Lt Engineer U S A
N. 4 Profelyer St South Brooklyn N. Y.

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to us in very abrupt and summary manner, but one officer
 was struck and he but slightly wounded ^{in Reper Hospital}. I consider it rather
 a trying position for one to be under fire of his own guns and be
 obliged to stand in cold blood and submit to it. Monday's papers gave
 an account of Saturday's fire and enumerated twenty nine
 buildings destroyed - some style it the most destructive fire
 which has occurred since 1861. (Two of the above buildings were burnt
 & only remaining). The paper says that several persons were injured
 but not a word about the shelling. All the Federal officers
 are now near by - a part in the work house which joins this yard on
 the East - a part in the Maine Hospital joining this yard on the South
 & the balance in Reper Hospital which joins the Maine - The last two
 squads on their parole, are well treated and have plenty
 of rations. In the jail there are confined 51 of our colored
 soldiers belonging to the 54 & 55 Meigs and the 26 New York. They
 have been turned over to the State authorities. They receive four
 rations & piece of bread per day. They are allowed to come in the
 yard and communicate freely with us. They are intelligent & our
 white soldiers - are robust and healthy - out of 51 have lost but
 one by death since their imprisonment. About 50 of White soldiers
 are here mostly belonging to Wilson's Raiders. They do not stand
 imprisonment like the blacks, in a yard of officers occupy
 the upper part of the jail - one of our men among them

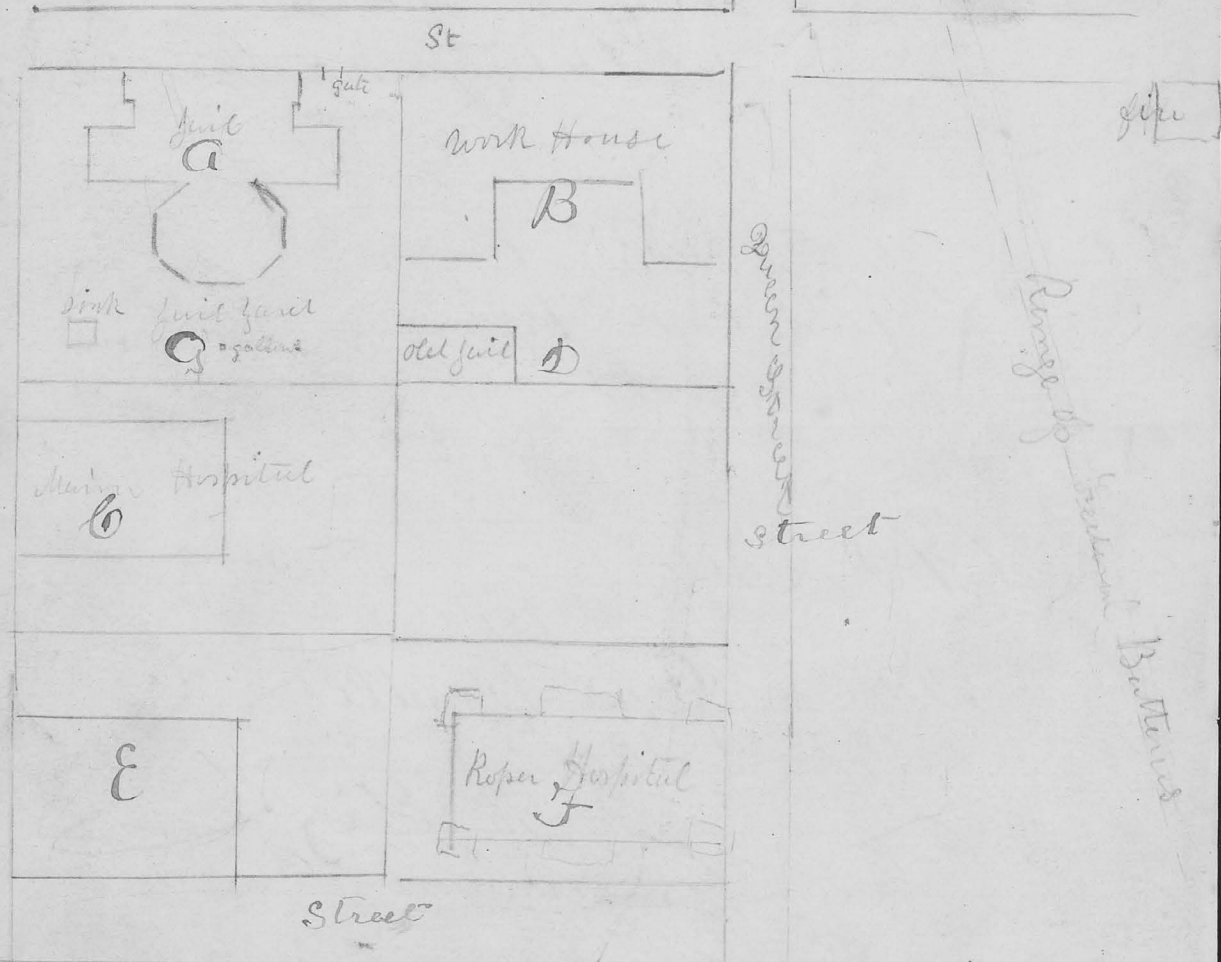
Caleb H. Casdorph
1st Lt 7th West Va Caval
Charleston Kanawha Co. W. Va

John F Baird
Lieut 15th Va Infy
Wheeling W. Va

C. D. Hall
Lieut 1st Va Infy
Killingburg, Brooks Co
West Va

Christopher McCormick
3d Asst. Engineer U. S. A
Brooklyn N. Y.

Locality of principal features



Map of the location of Union prisoners in Charleston S.C. - under the fire of Battery Wagner - looking from the water front -

A - City Jail

B - Penitentiary

C - Marine Hospital

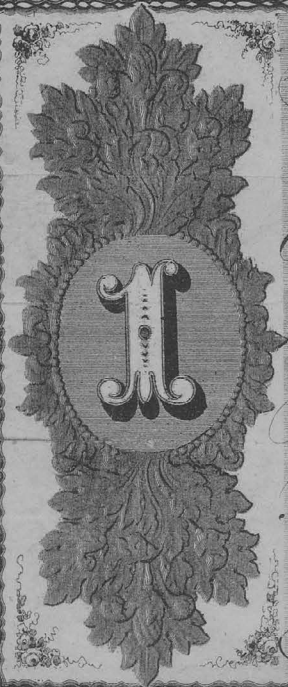
D - Old Jail

E - Medical College

F - Roper Hospital

G - Gallows

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Exch^{ge} For \$100.00 Charleston S. C. Sept 1867

Sent cash after sight of this First of
Exchange (second unpaid) Pay to the order of
Thomas Nelson

Thirty dollars Gold
Value received and charge the same to account

To R. P. Briggs C. C. Bistec

Per J. W. M. S. Lieut. 16th Me Vol. Infy

No. 57

This money was recd
by me while a prisoner
of war at Charleston S.C.
for my own use -

L. G. Bishop
Lt 16 Maine Vols

Thomas Jones

Saugus Kennebec
H

of

Dec 66 50

Paymaster's Office.

Portland, Oct. 10th 1864

Mrs. Bisslee.

Enclosed please find Check on New York payable to your order for \$1026.02. being for pay and rations due your husband from July 1st 1863 To June 30th 1864. This does not include pay due him for his servants. He can draw pay for them after he is released.

Please sign the receipt which is herein enclosed and return to me.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
James Mann
Paymaster U.S.A.

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6 6 8

Prison Camp
Near Columbia ^{SC} Dec 27th 64

I hereby authorize Capt L. C.
Bisbee to rec^d - all packages,
boxes, or money, that may
come marked to my address,
his receipt will be good for the
same

Geo D. Bisbee
Lieut 16th Me Inf

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Block, Exchange Street.

Leicester Mass 8 1864.

Received at _____ o'clock, _____ minutes, M.

By Telegraph from *Annapolis Md 7d*
To *R. P. Briggs*

*Arrived today. Notify
wife*

L. C. Bisbee

Mrs. H. C. Birbee
Wanton
Maine

Please forward this to night

Sturbum May 7 1865

Wm. Birbee

I rec'd the within

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Head-Quarters, Fifth Army Corps,
Army of the Potomac,

May 21 1865.

Pass

Capt L. C. Bisbee 16th Me
to Washington he having Business
to return in 24 hours.

By Command of Major General Warren: Griffin
George B. Walsted

Assistant Adjutant General.

NOTE.—The pass to show under what circumstances the person holding it leaves his command.



No. 50

Minneapolis, Feb. 18, 1867

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J. A. Wolcott Secretary.

Segeu President.