



James C. Christie and Family Papers

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Synopsis of Events of War.

(In black ink, events in wh. I had part:
in red ink other events.)

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In Benton Barracks this mo.
19, 20. Mill Springs.

10. Left Moscow. Lafayette, Germantown.
12. Arr'd Memphis.
11. Arkansas Post.
15. Snow in Memphis.
20. Left M. for Yazoo; Arr'd 24th.
Camp opp. mouth of Yazoo. Here
till soon after Feb. 6, when we
went to Lake Providence, La.

In camp S. of V. by: very cold.

from Savannah to Pocatello.
13-15 Ft Fisher.

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6. Fort Henry.
8. Roanoke Id.
14-16 Fort Donelson.
In first week of Feb. We
went to St. Louis Arsenal.
Our platoon in tents. Drill with
cannon.

At Lake Providence from 7th or
8th to end of month.
10. Old River.

Feb 3- Mch 5. Meridian Exped.
11. Capt. C. brought 73 recruits.
12. I begin duty as Sergeant.
Drill recruits every day.
20. Olustee.
24. Veterans went north on furlough.

3-9. Salkahatchie.
16, 17 Columbia.

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2. Pittsb. Id.
5-8. Pea Ridge.
9. Monitor.
14. Newbern.
23. Kennesaw.
10. Left Arsenal for down river.
13. Arr'd St. Louis. 18. Pittsb. Id.
31. Apr. 2. Sherman's Exped. up river.

At Lake Providence all this month.
21. Canal a success (?).
22. Had to go 6 miles north on account
of water: old ca. up overflowed.

15. Converted in tent for meeting.
23. At Big Black River Bridge.
8. Exped. gone, got Rodmans.
14. Fort De Russley.

2. Waynesborough. 13. Left Fayettev.
19. Mt. Olive Sta. 20 (P.A.M.) night march to left
along Rav. road. Quickly made intram. 21.
14. Kingston. 16. Avery'sboro.
19-21. Bentonville. With a prisoner.
22-24. Wilson's Raid.
25. Ft Steadman. 26-29. Mobile
24. in Goldsboro.

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12, 13. Sumter. 18. H. Ferry. 19. B. river.

2. Ret. to Exped. 4. Skirm. S. to Promt.
6. Battle of Shiloh. 7. Same. 8. 1st Mo. 10.
5- May 3. Yorktown. 10. Fort Pulaski.
16. Lee's Mill. 18-28. N. Orleans.
25. Mch 2 m's south of Shiloh.

8. Lieut. Clayton left for North. The speeches
of Adj. Gen. Thomas & others, on negro soldiers.
16. Running V. burg batteries.
17- May 2. Grierson's Raid.
22. Left Lake Providence. 23. Milit. = Band.
26. Marched for Richmond, La.
29. Trans. Gulf. May 3. at Smith's Pt.

from V. burg to Clifton, Tenn.
8. Sabine & Roads. 9. Pias. Hills.
12. Fort Pillow. Our Battery
going up river reached Fort
Pillow next day after massacre.
30. Jenkins' Ferry.

1. Five Forks. 2. Petersburg. 6. Sailor's Cr.
9. Appomattox. 26. Johnston surrenders.
10. Capture of J. D. 26. Kirby Smith surr.
24. in Goldsboro.

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10. Camp Jackson.

1. Adv'd 5 m's; now 10 m's fr. Landing.
3. Farmington. 5. Williamsburg.
12. Within 4 m's of Corinth. 13. Monterey.
17. Russell House. 23. Front Royal.
25. 2 m's fr. Rep. works. 31. in Corinth.
25. Winchester. 27. Han. Ct. H. 29. Pocatello.
31. Fairbairn (Gen. Thomas Gen. Army of the Tenn. to Corinth.)

1. Fort Gibson. 1-4. Chancellorsv.
10-16. Smith's Plant to Camp Hill.
12. Raymond. 14. Jackson.
16. Champion's Hill. 17. Big Black.
18. V. burg begun. 19. Assault on V. by
22. Dec. assault. 27- July 9. P. H. H.
(12th at ground Gulf.)

1. at Clifton. 5-7 Wilderness.
5-9 Rocky Face. 9-18 Sh. Hills.
11. Yellow Tavern. 13-16 Resaca.
12-16 Dismal Swamp. 23-27 N. Anna.
25. June 4. Dallas. 27. Left Decatur.
28. Somerville. 29. Short Creek.
30. Warrenton. 31. Short Creek.

18. N. Y. City. 19. Alexandria. 20. Manassas.
21. 39th Mass. 22. Thro' Alley 2 to Long Br.
23. Prep. for Res. Wed. 24. Grand Review.
24. Fort Stevens.

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3. Philippi. 10. Big Bethel. 17. Vienna.
17. Boonsville.

6. Memphis. 8. Cross Keys. 9. P. Repub.
15. Drill at Corinth, det. 1 in C. this mo.

Fighting for Vicksburg all this month.
6-8. Milit. Band.
13-15. Winchester. 17. Aldie.

1-12. Cold Harbor. 9-30. Kanesaw oc.
10. Brice's X Roads (Guntown).
15-19. Petersburg. 19. Kearsarge & Alab.
27. Assault at Kanesaw Mt.
1. Mill Cr. 3. Chatooga Riv. 4. Coosa town.
5. Near Rome. 6. Kingston. 7. Etowah Riv.
8. Oakworth. 10. Big Shanty. 11-16 advance & fighting.
16-19. heavy rains.

19. Arr. St. Paul.

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2. Falling Waters. 5. Carthage.
8. Laurel Hill. 11. Rich Mt. 14. Camp. Id.
18. Blackburn's Ford. 21. Bull Run.

1. Malv. H. 13. Murfreesboro.
25, 26

1-3. Gettysburg. 1-26. Morgan's Raid.
4. Helena. 4. V. by. 9. Fort Hudson.
9-16. Jackson. 10. 11. Fort Wagner. 18.
13-15. Drift Ridge. 3. Surrender of V. by.
Marched in on 4th. For a week camped
with Confed. prisoners. I brought in the
Siege - guns from Sherman's lines.

4-5. Turner's Ferry Road.
5-18. Impelo. Campaign.
6-10. On the Chattahoochee.
9. Monocacy. 12. Ft. Stevens.
13-15. Impelo.
20. Lead Mine Cr. & our Duel. 21. Bald Hill.
22. Atlanta. 28. Ezra Ct. Mine Peters. 30.

Sat. 1. Muster out. 4. Plainview.

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10. Wilson's Cr.
28, 29. Fort Hatteras. 29. Lexington.

5. Baton Rouge. 9. Cedar Mt.
18. Redwood. 20-22. Fort Ridgely.
25, 26. New Ulm. 28. Grovton. 29. Gaines.
30. Bull Run. 30. Richmond.
14. Hamb. Landing for rations.
In Corinth this mo.

I was down with malarial fever
from Aug 1 to 19, when I left V.
for home. (My fever really began
on July 15.)
21. Lawrence.
I stayed at home till Oct. 7.

5-23. Mobile harbor. 8. Ft. Gaines.
14. Lieut. Koethe killed.
21. Memphis. 23. Ft. Morgan.
25. Pearl's Sta.
26- Sept. 2. Jonesborough & Atlanta.

July 1864. 2. Left 100th on left at 9 p.m.
32. marched all day to right of army.
7th for 14 guns of the 100th. Silenced them.
16. moved into works of enemy.
July, 1864. 16. Mch. to Marietta.
17. Cross Chattahoochee at Roswell.
18. to Cross Keys on Peachtree Creek.
19. Near Decatur. 28. move fr. left to right.
30. move still more to right. Very close to R.R.

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12-20. Lexington.

1. Chantilly. 2, 3. Birch Creek. 23. Wood L.
12-15. Harp. Ferry. 14. Son. Mt.
14-16. Munfordsboro. 17. Antietam.
In Corinth 2 of Mo. 13. Pocatello. 24.
17th. Mch. 10 m's East. 18. in Burnsville.
19. Little Battle. We w. Ord. Wood killed.
20 & 21. Mch'd back to Corinth.

At home all the month on
sick furlough.
7. vac. of Wagner.
19, 20. Chickamauga.

2-5. Lovejoy Sta. 5. Start for Atl.
Camp at East Point.
19. Winchester. 22. Fisher's Hill.
24- Oct. 28. Price in Mo.

Clyman to Minnesota by Wagon.

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21. Ball's Bluff. 21. Enlisted Winona.
25. Zagon's chg. 26. Romney.

1. Moved W. to fort. 2. Section to Chevalle.
3. Battle of Longport. 4. Drift to S. Ferry.
5. Grant asks Comd for M. S. Ferry.
5. R. Blanes M. S. Ferry for holding. B. of H. 12.
21. No sharp reply to Grant. 22. R. Riv. to Camb.
8. Burnsville. 22. Pocatello. 12. Back to Corinth.
1. R. Riv. 10. Reached Ripley.
31. Aldie.

11. Batty marched to Big Bl. Bridge.
7. I left Clyman. In V. burg 18th.
6. Baxter Springs. Cairo Oct. 9.
13. Big Black. 14. Bristol Sta.
27. Wankatchie. 21. joined at Big Bl.
21. Batty ret. to V. by fr. Big Black.

2. Saltville. 5. Allatoona.
9. Tom's Brook. 19. Cedar Creek.
27. Hatcher's Run. 28. Ram Albem.

Swan Minn. river: Robideau.

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7. Belmont. 7. Port Royal. 10. Gaudy Br.
21. Mustered in at Fort Snelling.
23. Fort Pikes.
I went to Clyman & returned to the Fort.

2. Hamilton starts to 20th Co. J.
M. S. Arthur com. 2nd Div. 12. H. Springs.
4. Arr'd Gr. June.

9. Capt. Clayton went North for recruits.
7. Ref. Sta.
17- Dec. 4. Knoxville.
22. Reinstated for 2 yrs on the line.
23-5. Chattanooga. 24. Lookout Mt.
26-8. Mine Run.

22. Griswoldville. 30. Franklin.

Returned fr. West to Winona.
Worked in planing mill.

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9. Left Fort Snelling, in sleighs
as far as La Crosse: thence
by rail to St. Louis, via Clyman,
Chicago, Mattoon, Alton.
20. Arr'd St. Louis (Benton Barracks)
Drill, standing guard etc. etc.
(18. Left La Crosse.) My detachment
left Fort Snelling Dec. 13. At La Crosse.

3. Oxford. 4. Water Val. 5. Coffeyville.
7. Br. Grove. 13. Fr. by.
G. V. down agreed by Phelan.
20. Sur. of H. Springs. We turned
28, 29. Chick. Bayou. Back from
Yakima Cr.
31- Jan. 2. Stone's Riv.
Dec. 6. at Abbeville.
In Moscow at end of month.
I made a forporal Dec. 31.

6. Reinstated for 3 yrs on the War.
The literary Attn in V. burg all this
winter. I the Secretary, Wm. Librarian.
24. Mustered in as Veteran Volunteers.

10-21. Siege of Savannah.
13. M. S. Allister.
15, 16. Nashville.

On survey of R.R. between
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7th That all and each of the Members exert themselves to procure Contributions, either in Goods or Money for the special Objects for which we have United.

8th That the Laws of the Society may be altered or amended at any Meeting. if notice of that intention has been given at the previous Meeting.

All Money to be expended upon vote of the Members present at the Meeting

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[ca 1861]

A Letter
for Dannie:

Dear Brother

I am very glad
to hear: you are go-
ing to school. Now
lad, I hope you will
not do as I did when
I was a Boy: waste time
and come to find out as
I have done that you are
not as good a scholar: or man
as you would have been had you

done your duty to yourself and teacher
also, above all your friends and Parents

For believe me Dannie if you waste
your time now you will regret it every
day of your after life. I believe you are in
the habit of swearing at times I hope it is not
so, if you are you should try every day to quite
it if you don't you will regret it also every
day of your life: for I tell you it is far easier
to learn: than to leave off. Don't be a good
Boy, and do not tease anyone to make
them angry: give my love to
Mother and Grandmother Berts
also to Grandmother

Adieu good Bye Dannie

Be a good Boy

Your Brother

Brother

William

Christie

J. G. Wells, cor. Park Row & Beekman Street, N. Y.



A General of the C. S. A. pre-
paring to meet Gen. McClellan.

After he met him!



Jan'y 1864.

Dear Tom.

I was in Minn. We Received you
for the first time away from home,
a few days ago, I am pleased
to know that you are in good
health, and still finding work
(Not that I wish you stay any longer)
But it seems to say something
for your future Prospects.

I am doing Nothing but making
a little firewood, I am not in
Good Health, We have much
to do before spring, Fence to
lift, Stones to haul and Wood
to get home. But if you were
home we can get all done easily

We have got to get out dung
also, that I wish as much as
possible to get out before
spring work begins, the
snow has lain steadily
since Winter set in, so
that we could not see the
stones. Now make haste
to get home. I did not
think that I should miss
you so much. I have no
news of any moment to tell
you, I am more anxious
to hear your Impressions
of the West than to write
the trivial Events of Lyman

I wish you to get a Ticket for
the Junctions, and come right
to our Depot in the Cars, Tell
William to Inscribe upon his
Banner "No Surrender" and
I have no Objections to "Poca
Poca" when translated into
the Scottishism of "How and sure
Goes far in a day" But no saying
comes up, to Crombells in the
comprehensive & ~~expressing~~ ^{expressing} ~~freedom~~
prudence. Indomitable determination
wide awake-ness, and Reliance
on the Triumph of Right. "Trust
in God, and keep your powder dry"
That phrase contains a folio

"Be Ye Wise as Serpents and
Harmless as Doves."

We have got the Independent
Unitary since you left and I
have thought of sending it
to William, to read and file
in his Garment.

Have you had
a sight of any Deer since
you left?

Come home as soon
as possible

Yours for all that is
Right

J Christie

this Summer.

Tell Sonnetz I expect a triumphant, jubilant letter soon with all the details of the Harvest.

By news from Minn. we learn that the Wheat crop is excellent, going far beyond the yield of any previous year.

How do prices range now; I should think that the Civil War would raise them on account of the vast amount of Breadstuffs required for the unproductive army.

By our Order of Gen. Grant read to us a few days ago, all fugitive Slaves willing to

work will be ~~harbored~~
protected in our lines
and paid regular wages
as Cooks, Teamsters, or
Officers ~~waiters~~ servants.

We now have one cooking
for our Section at 15 Dollars
per month. He is quite
an intelligent man
and comes from the Hatchie
River. A Negro preacher
came with him and is
now engaged as servant to
Capt. Powell of the 2d Ill. S.
Battery. As this Battery is next
to ours we have gone over
twice to hear him preach.

Imagine a slight rise of
ground covered with trees
which shade a score of tents
of all kinds. Inside the

square formed by these, a
ring of Soldiers ~~off~~ sitting
on the ground encircle a
rough camp table, at which
stands the preacher, a
superior looking Black.
He begins by singing
in a deep guttural
voice a hymn of praise.
The tune is wild and
monotonous with a great
deal of slurring and
quavering. A short
prayer follows the hymn
in which he supplicates
the most for power to
make his words felt by
the congregation.

At the end of this he repeats
the Lord's Prayer entire.
Then he gives out his tent.

It is from the parable of the Prodigal Son.

"Father, I have sinned
"against Heaven and am
"no longer worthy to be
"called thy son." &c.

He begins by enunciating
a new theory. "We under-
"stand Brethering that
"Christ always spoke in
"parables, and never in
"the common way."

He went on then to give
in strong homely words
the story of the Prodigal.

There is no mistake but
that he feels the pathos
of the simple tale. As
he relates he becomes
more and more excited
until when he comes

to the meeting of the
Father and son his
feelings overcome him
and he bursts into tears.
"And what do you think
"his father said to him
"my friends. Well, he said
"Bring out and kill the
"fatted calf," yes. Blessed
"be God the fatted calf," and
"give my son to eat."

After sobbing out these
words, he commenced
to make the application.
This he did most happily
by remembering no feeling
of our own home days
and showing how much
more we owed to God
than to any earthly

parent. But when he came to bench in to repent and return to our Heavenly Father his irritation could no longer be controlled.

He stamped, he screamed, he sobbed and gasped like a man gone mad. For 15 minutes he continued in this manner, his words pouring out in torrents and his body rocking to and fro as if in the most acute physical pain.

It was extremely distressing to me to hear him when compared to the but a few of the men seemed to be excited by his example.

Fortunately before the excitement got worse the Bugle blew tattoo and the meeting was finished with an impressive Benediction.

I left after dropping a dime into the hat fully convinced that I never could be converted by this means. If it is ever done it will be by calm reasoning but never by animal

I am informed though that this is nothing compared to the negro camp meetings. I do hope Sarah that this was not the

manner of your con-
 version, and precious,
 how I would laugh to
 see you jumping up and
 down and shouting
 Hallelujah, Glory Be.
 Pshaw, I know better
 than to think of such
 a thing. I know
 your faith has a deeper
 hold than the mere
 fascination of Criminal
 Magnetism.

It is
 probable our 30 dolls are
 lost and W. thinks they
 must have been taken
 out at Lyndon and want
 to know if they did not find out by
 some means when the
 money was coming.
 Excuse this tedious letter and
 give my love to all. T. D. Christie

Military history of Thos. D. Christie. ^x

Enlisted Nov. 4, 1861, at Winona Minn. in the First Minn. Battery of Light Artillery; Capt. Munch. Age at enlistment, 18. - Rendezvous at Fort Snelling. Ordered to St. Louis in December '61. Spent winter there - in Benton Barracks & the U.S. Arsenal, drilling and guarding prisoners.

March 9th '62, having received our horses and six brass guns, - 4 six pounder rifles & 2 twelve pounder howitzers - ordered to join Genl Grant on the Tennessee. ^{Assigned to Division of Genl. Prentiss.} April 6 & 7 - Battle of Pittsburg Landing, - lost 11 men from the Company.

April and May - Siege of Corinth, ^{Reduced to a 4 gun Battery by losses & sickness.} Lay in garrison at Corinth during the summer of '62. Sept. 19th - Battle of Iuka - Oct. 3rd & 4th - Battle of Corinth, lost one gun, afterward retaken. In the following two months took part in the movement by land on Vicksburg, foiled by the capture of Holly Springs with our depot of supplies, by rebel cavalry.

Jan. 1st '63 I was made Corporal. Shortly after, our division - the 6th Genl McArthur - was sent down the Mississippi from Memphis to Lake Providence, La. where we lay all winter.

In the Spring of '63 we moved on Vicksburg, and in the siege and accompanying engagements our Battery took

part with Genl. Ransom's Brigade and the rest of our Corps - the 17th, Genl. M^r Pherson. After the capture of Vicksburg we remained in garrison there until the following Spring.

Having reenlisted as Veteran Volunteers in the meantime.

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After the capture of Atlanta we lay there in garrison until the advance of Hood to the north, when we took part in the campaign in pursuit of him to the Tennessee. Next came the march to the sea, ^{the} Siege and

Capture of Savannah. Transported by sea to Beaufort, we marched thence through the swamps and pine woods of N. & S. Carolina to Goldsborough, taking part in the actions of Saltkatchie Swamp, the Passage of the Edisto, and the battle of Bentonville. From Goldsborough, after a few weeks' rest we marched north after Johnston; after his surrender to Richmond, and thence to Washington, where we took part in the grand review in May 1865. In June our Battery was sent home, and we were mustered out July 1st 1865 at St. Paul, having

Hit by bullets twice, but
never wounded.

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been in service three years and eight months.

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Jan. 18. 1869.

To Prof. Emerson.

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To Prof. Emerson.

Tuesday Evening [ca 1861?]

[James Christie]

Dear Father, I am well, and hope
you are also, and that you have got the
cough out in, but I doubt it some, for the
weather has not been very favorable, -
I am glad that Dave, got better, for I
was afraid he was going to have an
attack of fever; Mrs Ford went to Milovanku
today on a visit; is to stay till Friday, -
Agnes came in yesterday to keep house till
Mrs Ford got back - Agnes tells me that
Annie and Fannie has had the fever, since
I came in; a slight attack - She also said
that she saw Cousin Willie at the Station the
other night, and he has got so up in the
world, since moving North, that he wouldn't
deign to speak to her. -

I attended Church twice on Sunday; in the
forenoon Mrs Ford and I went to the Meth-
odist Church, and heard Mr Grumley and

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All of the aristocratic young Ladies of Town
are diligently "setting their caps" for him
and for Prof. Martin, the President of
the College, also an unmarried man of
about 30. A Lutheran Minister, Graduate
of Hamilton College N.Y., and also of
one of the German Universities.

He is a most-splendid Teacher - he teaches
my Latin Class - he can explain every-
thing so clearly and thoroughly - he has a
great-bushy head and face, and is built
very like our Sandy. I entertain a great
admiration for him, I think he is about
the smartest man I ever saw or heard of.

I think I will come home on Saturday
and then I can tell you everything better
than write, I hope you are all well.

I cannot write more as I have to get
some very difficult Latin declensions yet-
tonight - Yours in haste,

and gratefully -

Sarah J. Christie,

[ca 1867?]

My Dear friend,

" My Dear Wife,

Would Wish you to Give-
be Layout on her Mother-in-law

My Mother, the Inclosed

\$5.00. five Dollars Eliza, hopes
that your Sarah Jane,

Will Get for her Grandmother

What Ever She Wants So far

as It Goes - & oblige yours

Truly Robert & Eliza Reid

Write an Receipt
as I know not the
time I am ordered
to the front
Glencarion -

" For our Mother,
tell Sarah Jane that
her Aunt Eliza Expected
her here Before this.
Let her know the Reason.

[Jan 1861.]

Mr Gen^l Herons - Division arrived from
from Vicksburg - & a Reple with
the 29th Wis - Anchored along Side
- of us - I had thought that Br -
Wm Tom - Was in the 28th Wis - Regtⁿ
& Enquired of the 29th where the 28th
- Was & Was - Informed By them that
the were in Helena - in Ark - Left
Port Hudson and in due time arrived
in Vicksburg I then Enquired for
the whereabouts of the first Minnⁿ
Battrey, thinking to meet your
- Willey & Tom - But after Enquiring
I found the had been sent to -
Black River 15^{mi} Miles from here
& it was impossible for me to
go to see them as the Boats would
- start in an hour - I left
Vicksburg & arrived in Memphis in Tenn^y
It is the handsomest City I have visited
in the South Except New Orleans -
But I cannot write you all I have
seen and came through how I long

to Be, Sitting Under one of your Wide
- Spreading Oaks - Beside you telling
you all My Adventures Which
- hapined to Me for twelve Months
- & fifteen in a 9 Months Regiment
- But that is impossible at Pres
- ent for various Reasons - But one
- thing I have Made up My mind
- on and that is - if I am Well
- & Spared to Next July I. hope to
- See you - And now Dear Friend,
I have to inform you that I would
- have Written to you Sooner But I could Not
- have hold the Pen and But Imper-
- fectly yet owing to an accident -
- Which Befell Me in Hartford the
- Week I came home, It Was in
- this wise a George Wilson who is
- Married to Matty Jack - He and I
- had Impibed to much of old Burbon
- and Started to Br. Wm. In East
- Hartford - & at the End of the Bridge
- there is a Meare Cut to Wm. across -
the Lots I got over the fence unto
- the Parapit of the Bridge & Was
- helping Wilson over as there was
- about 25 or 30 Stone Steps to Go
- Down to the Ground I had to Let
- Go of him owing to his Weight &
I Was falling Backwards & Knowi-
- ng if I fell 30 feet in that way
- I would Be Killed - So - I Leaped
- Backwards - and Lit on my feet
- But fell - I Sprained My right
- Shoulder So Bad that I have
- Not Been able to do anything
- Ever Since - I am Getting Better
- Now But My Shoulder & Arm Pains
- Me Considerable yet and I am
- afraid Will do so all Winter &
- to Make Matters Worse My Robert
- Cleared of Six Weekes ago Without
- Letting any one know Where he Was
- Going - however he Was Sorry for
- What he had Done I Wrote to Wm.
- from Beyond Troy State of New York

- When Was Working for a Farmer. I Sent
for him and he Came home. he is now
at worke in the Mankan Shop at
17^{en} Dollrs for the first Month & Tom.
has 13^{en} in the Same Shop - I have
Got a good job - & is going to work
tomorrow Morning as a foreman to
Mr Freeman - My wages Will not
Be over 34 Dollrs Per Month & I have
Put in the Pin - the Same as I was
Before I Went Soldering & I hope
I am My Self again - I know if you
have not got a Letter from me in
- a Long time. I Send you a Long one
- now - Greind James - if I have any
more of the Flower to Draw upon I
- am now Ready to Receive it If it
Does not Inconvenient you to Much I
Will Send you the Scottish American
& Harpers to Sarah Jane - Give My Love
to My Mother yourself & family Br. Tom
Jane & family in which Eliza joins -
Me - I remain yours Truly Robert. H. Reid
"R. B. White Soon & Let Me know all Particulars
- and how the Boys is -

Sunday January 6th 1861

Clyman of course.

Dear Tom We received yours dated 28th yesterday so you see it took just 7 days for us to get it. I can tell you we were ~~was~~ glad to hear that William is going to have his house fitted up. We would have liked you have come down a little sooner but then if you are down ^{here} by the 2nd it will do. You are now the owner of a watch for the first time in life and therefore has forgotten old Plag entirely for you have not so much as mentioned her of late not even where her dwelling place is. You have been in good health since you left here and from all I ~~can~~ hear they will have to shoot some one up there to start a buryingground as they had to do some part of Oregon - it was so healthy it's said. I wonder why William is not writing to me. I have been 12 days to school this year and am now in the miscellaneous examples at the end of Permutation. Father bought me a Pincus grammar. I have recited 4 times with the class. Dave has turned out a good Speller and is now in Division. Sarah is almost in proportion. She eats no ^{flesh} ~~meat~~ this year of any kind. When you come down you will get reading the Independent. We would have sent it William but Father said he would

not loose a single sermon and has filed them
all. We now read the Tribune, Sentinel
and the Independent. There has been a
great fall of snow here this winter but
the Thermometer has never sunk
below 10 below zero and that was a
^{calm} day. now remember write us soon as
you can and let us know how you are
getting along, a stranger in a strange
country. Tell William to write
as soon as you see him. But I have
been forgetting and must go and yoke
up the steers so as to be ready to

haul home the "Baggage".

I sign myself your Wondering Brother

Alexander Christie

Pox Lake January 8th 1861

Dear Friend Christie,

Just a week from the beginning of the new year and this evening find me with pen and paper addressing once more a few lines to my schoolmate "Christie". I have waited long but in vain for an answer to that last letter of mine. Do write and tell me why you did not answer it. Did I write any thing that offended you, or have you forgotten me thus soon? Things have changed very much since you were here, you have likely heard about it; I am going to college as usual and endeavoring under the eyes of five elderly maidens to learn my lessons, which I generally manage to do in spite of fear-excited nerves.

Mr Goldthwait told me that

he some thought you were coming
to him this winter. I am rooming
with my Cousin, and enjoy myself
first-rate. I see P. J. Reed, once in
a while. So the lodge of good Templars
and he wears his pants smaller
and his necktie smaller than ever.
I don't know whether he plays on that old
"banjo" of his or not any more.

Do you hear from Van,
and the "Dye" girls? O, how I should like
to see them all again. Every thing is
so changed I can't make it seem like
the college at all. When you and me used
to sit in the corner and watch certain
somebodies. Mr Lathrop has removed from
this charge and Elder Jones taken his place.
As to Mr Whitcomb. I haven't seen him
since a while. Mr Scott teaches in
the same place he did last winter. The two
Dunshie boys are going to Mr G.

Mrs Goodwin is teaching in Mayville.
Miss Sawyer still teaches in our district.

But I have perhaps written too much
already and shall wait till you
write me answer before I begin to
write all I want to. Now dear Christa
do write and tell me all about how
you get along and every thing in
general. Excuse this miserable writing
and all mistakes, and believe me your

Sincere friend, Mary A Hubbard

Answer as soon as you get this I want to
hear from you ^{best} P. S. Direct Fox Lake

Dodge Co
From the Old Maid Mrs.
Asylum. Fox Lake.

April 8th Lemonnier ^{Geneau}
County 1861

Dear Friends. I sit to let you know of my
progress through this country to the better
land over the River. Rain is the order
of the day more or less for the last four days
I had good roads from within ten miles of
of Marsillon up to within two miles of Portage
over sand My journey over rolling prairie to
Fox lake was very muddy and it was tiresome on
the cattle. I left Portage on Thursday at eleven
o'clock for Kilbourne distance twenty miles. rained
up to that time I got out of town about one and a half
miles when it commenced raining again distance made
five miles. time three hours I was drenched to the skin
put up at the Lewis house. rained all that afternoon
and night. Started for Mauston distance 35 ^{miles} got along very
well till eleven o'clock when it commenced raining. rained
very hard however I pushed on to Kilbourne down poured
the rain ^{discharged 1 1/2 miles} stopped. over night left in the morning
and got along first rate over a sandy road. about 4 o'clock
it rained I got over the sand and into ^{the} biggest slough
you ever saw a little over a mile and a quarter wide
John Bunyan's slough of Despond was a flea bite to it
time crossing it 2 hours cattle up to their bellies all
the time it was almost dark another mile of such road
4 miles from Mauston raining lickety split got a good
stable for my oxen stopped. rained. rained ever since rains
now and looks as though it would rain for a week. I am
80 miles from La Crosse I expect a letter from you there
I am in good health not sad. the oxen are all right

So bidding you all good day I sign myself
your loving son Wm. J. Christie
give my love to grand mother and all the
rest of them at the other house

History of Minnesota
First Battery, Light
Artillery

Compiled by
Robert Monahan

MINNESOTA FIRST BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY

- 1861 April 12 Fort Sumter shelled, surrendered, war declared.
- 13 War news arrived in Minnesota. Governor Ramsey commanded Fort Snelling from its private owner, Franklin Steele.
- Volunteers called for, with preference given to all ready formed militia units
- 27 8 militia companies accepted for the First Regiment
- 28 Militia companies rendezvous at Fort Snelling.
- Fort Snelling cleaned and repaired
- Drilling commenced
- Arms and uniforms obtained, red shirts with dark blue pants.
- June 14 First Minnesota ordered to Washington D.C.
Second regiment called for.
- 22 First Minnesota left Fort Snelling aboard two steam boats.
- July
- August
- September Third and Fourth Regiment called for
Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry organized
- October 14 Second Minnesota called for duty and departed.
- First Company, Sharpshooters mustered into service.
- November 17 Third Minnesota departed Fort Snelling.
- November 24 First Battery, Light Artillery mustered into service.
- December 18 First Battery, Light Artillery departs Fort Snelling
by steamboat. 153 men
- by train and steamboat to St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1862 January St. Louis arsenal for armament; four brass rifled cannon
and two 12-pound howitzers.
- February Sent by river transport "Himalaya" down Mississippi to
Cairo, Ill., up the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers to
Pittsburg Landing. Assigned to Buckland's Brigade
of Sherman's Division.
- March Drilling of men and horses
- April 1 Two of the 12-pounders sent on an expedition with Sherman
to Chickasaw and Eastport, no contact.

- 1862 April 4 Battery transferred to Brantess Division.
- 5 Battery moved its camp to within sight of Brantess' H.Q.,
next to Hickenlooper's Ohio Fifth Battery.
- 6 First day of battle of Shiloh, Pittsburgh Landing. Battery
in the "Hornet's Nest".
- 7 Second day of battle, Battery held in reserve at extreme
left of defensive line, next to the river.
- May Advance to Corinth, Mississippi
- June Arrive at Corinth.
- July Camp routine and more drill.
- August Sioux uprising begins in Minnesota. Six married men from
New Ulm leave Battery to return home.
- September
- October 1 Two 12-pounders attached to the Michigan for a patrol
Patrol attacked three miles outside of Corinth,
lost one of the 12-pounders but recovered it a
few days later.
- 4 Battle of Corinth. Rebs retreat.
- November In pursuit of Rebs to Grand Junction, Tenn., Holly Springs,
Abbyville, Oxford, Miss.
- December 24 Back to Holly Springs, Miss.
- 1863 January 1 At Moscow, Tenn. on way to Memphis
By River transport down Mississippi to Lake Providence La.
- February 10 Arrived at Lake Providence, La.
- March
- April 22 Arrived at Millikins Bend, La. and began to march south.
- May 12 Arrived at Hard Times Landing, La. and crossed the
Mississippi River.
- Marched north to Vicksburg.
- 18 Opened the siege of Vicksburg.
- June
- July 4 Vicksburg surrenders
- Battery camps for a short time north of town near a
cemetery.

1863 July Battery moved camp south of town near the Warronton Road untill Spring.

August

September

October

November Capt. Clayton sent to Minnesota to recruit men for the Battery.

Brass guns of the Battery exchanged for 3-inch Rifled Rodman guns, in March 64.

December

1864 January

February Captain Clayton returns with seventy three new recruits.

20 Fiftythree Battery veterans start north for their veterans reenlistment furlough.

March

April 4 Battery embarked aboard river transport and starts up river.

17 Arrives at Cairo Ill. Joined by returning veterans.

Aboard river transport up the Ohio and Tennessee rivers to Clifton, Tenn.

Marched to Huntsville, Ala.

24 May Joined the Seventeenth Corps at Huntsville.

On the march to Rome, Ga., Kingston, Cassville, Altoona, and Ackworth

June 9 Joined with Sherman's Army at Big Shanty Ga. Moved to the extreme left of the line.

27 Battle of Kenesaw Mountain.

July 2 Night march to the extreme right of Sherman's line.

4 Battle for bridge over Nickajack Creek.

9 Crossed bridge.

17 Seventeenth Corps ordered to extreme left of line.

20 Arrived at extreme left of line forming up accross Atlanta-Decatur Road.

22 Held in reserve.

1864 July 23 Attacked in rear by Rebs who had evacuated Atlanta. Saved by the Sixteenth Corps. General J.B. McPherson killed by Rebs.

26 Moved to right flank near ##### Ezra Church. One section of the Battery ordered to draw fire from three batteries. Battle of Ezra Church.

August 1 General O.O. Howard assumes command of the Army of the Tennessee.

14 At 1800 hours Lt. Wm Koeth killed by Reb sharpshooter.

25 Broke camp and marched towards Jonesboro. Battle of Atlanta finished, Hood retreats into Ala.

Began march in pursuit of Hood.

September

October

November 7 Battery arrived back in Atlanta. Received eight months back pay.

13 Began march to the sea with General W. B. Sherman.

December 10 Within sight of the earthworks around Savannah, Ga.

13 Fort McAllister captured, communications opened with the U.S. fleet.

21 Reb troops retreat across Savannah River. Union troops occupy the city, remaining there to celebrate the holidays.

1865 January 13 Embarked by ferryboat to Hilton Head, S.C., then marched Beaufort, S.C.

17 Arrived at Pocotaligo Bridge

22 Reviewed by General Sherman

February Marched north through Columbia, S.C. Battery last actively engaged at Cheraw, S.C. Presented with a captured an English Blakley gun from a Reb battery that had been silenced with exceptional accuracy.

March

10 Sherman's army captures Fayetteville, N.C.

16 Averys#####boro captured

19 Battle of Bentonville, N.C.

April 9 Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox

14 Lincoln assassinated

1865 April 26 Joe E. Johnston surrenders to Sherman at Durham, N.C.
 Marched north to Richmond.

May 19 Arrived at Alexandria, Va.
 23 Crossed the Patomic River.
 24 Battery participated in the grand review in Washington.

June 12 Battery ordered home, via B&O Railroad through Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit, Grand Haven, Milwaukee, and Prairie du Chien where they boarded a steamboat which took them up the Mississippi to St. Paul.

July 1 Minnisota First Battery, Light Artillery mustered out of existence.
 Civilians again

Dover May 19th 1861

Dear Brothers and sister. I have not got a Letter from any of you in a long time. Have you all forgot I am in the land of the living. Or have you thought I had turn'd soldier. That you don't write to me.

I believe my Narrative left me in Portage if so I will resume my very interesting journey from that place as follows. On Friday about 11 o'clock I might have been seen wending (in fact was seen) my way through the city of Portage for that very famous city known as Kibbourn (the towns are all cities these abouts, Verily), very prosperous of course as the surrounding country is principally ^{composed} of sand & rocks. After leaving Portage it began to rain ⁱⁿ good earnest and so I was caught out of town and had to stand or rather ^{wait} ~~stand~~ it to my great discomfort. and the oxen's but on I went down poured the rain untill it was time to feed. I unhitched and fed and while my team chewed their ^{hay} I chewed my bread and listened to the music of the ducks that were close by one in a slough. I say there were hundreds of ^{them} then a very short ^{distance} and if I had only been a sportsman with a dog and gun shooting, being a pleasure I'd have had lots of fun. The rain coming on still heavier I started forth with determined to put up at the first place I could get my team out of the storm on I plodded up hill and down for about one mile and a half and saw no place for man or beast to stop. But in the distance looke what greeted my sight a spacious mansion

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the arrangements and so the owner having made a plum
business to the N. R. running through had rented the farm and
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and all night and nearly all day that is after I got and
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Best country for brick makes you or anyone else ever saw
water, sand and clay plenty from Kelbourne to Lisbon
damp mud sloughs and so forth got into Lisbon after
being on the road 1 1/2 days fell in with a party
bound for Walbridge so I was very glad for mis-
like company. ^{They had deer all that day} ^{clay} ^{to in lot of} ^{travelling} May 26. 1861

The parol I got in with were very glad to have me in company. I told them how I had got along so far and they said I had made better time than they had done I had traveled 14 miles that day crossed one bridge nearly down ⁱⁿ ran my team over one creek waded through several places where the oxen were ^{half} up their sides in water. passed one or 2 burying grounds from which the effluvia of the dead bodies ^{was} very easily smelt. and got into bed at half past seven. Left ^{miles the other side} ~~for~~ my last stopping place at 12 1/2 o'clock. Stayed in town to next day morning all left at that time. Drove on 1 1/2 miles stopped to dine on the road cooking our own provisions

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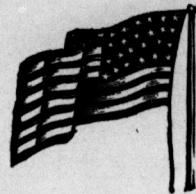
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OUR MOTTO.
March on! Each Heart Resolv-
ed on Victory or Death!

Ye Sons of Freedom, wake to Glory.



FOX RIVER ZOUAVES, Co. I, 11th Regiment, WISCONSIN VOLUNTEERS.

SWORN INTO U. S. SERVICE BY CAPTAIN LA MOTT, OCT. 12, 1861.

Field Officers.

Colonel, C. L. HARRIS.
Lieut. Colonel, C. WOOD.
Major, ALLEN PLATT.
Adjutant, DAN. LINCOLN.



Company Officers.

Captain, A. J. WHITTIER.
1st Lieut., D. W. C. BENHAM.
2d Lieut., JEROME CHESEBRO.
1st Sergt., NELSON R. DOAN.
2d Serg., MILTON B. ROWLAND.
3d Serg., JOHN N. JORDAN.
4th Serg., H. C. WELCOME.
5th Serg., H. H. HOPKINS.

PRIVATES.

CHARLES. W. BEULEN.
JAMES H. BEULEN.
HENRY W. BAILEY.
HUDSON L. BOYLIN.
WILLIAM W. COON.
THEODORE S. CHIPMAN.
FRANKLIN B. CARTER.
LEROY W. CHIPMAN.
JAMES P. CROOK.
MOSES. E. CROWN.
GEORGE W. CHESEBRO.
WILLIAM H. COPE.
MERRITT H. DAY.
FRANCIS DOWNS.
THOMAS C. DIXON.
JOSEPH DICKASON.
GEORGE W. DECKER.
HENRY C. DECKER.
JOSHUA ELDRED.
PETER EVERSON.
MILVERN ESTABROOK.
CHARLES H. FRANK.
MARTIN B. FRANCISCO.

ALONZO G. GREGORY.
GEORGE W. GORDON.
GEORGE T. HAMAR.
HENRY C. HOBBS.
HENRY HARRINGTON.
HEMAN D. HALL.
OLE OLVERSON.
LORENZO D. HUSKINS.
GEORGE H. HOBBS.
JAMES A. HAKE.
NEWTON W. HAMAR.
HENRY W. JORDAN.
JOSHUA C. JOHNSON.
JOHN M. MARTIN.
LAUREN W. MEDLEY.
NICHOLAS MYERS.
SAMUEL MESERVEY.
ASHHEL NASH.
ORNALDO PARMLE.
SAMUEL H. PARKER.
DANIEL REILLY.
THOMAS C. STEPTO.
MARTIN S. STOW.

DAVID SERGENT.
LESTER SHADDUCK.
LEANDER WHICHER.
DATUS E. WASHBURN.
DANIEL WHITNEY.
WILLIAM H. WILLIS.
CHARLES O. WHIPPLE.
WILLIAM W. WALKER.
HARVEY WELLER.
HOLLIS STEDMAN.
JAMES BEDIENT.
ISAAC M. WALKER.
FRANCIS H. JACOBS.
ORNALDO PARKER.
STEVEN MARVIN.
ADELBERT D. PIERCE.
WM. WARNER.
MARSHALL SERGENT.
ELMER D. MORSE.
GEO. E. LOGUE.
JOSEPH ANGEL.
LANDER D. LAUGHLIN.
ROBERT CARR.
OSTRANDER N. CHANCY.

Dover, Chmstead Co. Minn. Oct. 21th 1861.
Dear Father,

This is the first time I have had a chance to write, having been very busy all the week threshing. Tuesday at ~~Cornwall~~ and Wednesday at Cornwall. Thursday and Friday at Mcerrys and Williams. Wm had 234 Bushels of wheat. It is less than he expected. It has been so with every Farmer round here. Great Expectations before Threshing and comments on Neighbor Brumblys fence after.

Williams wheat ~~turned out~~ the acre. Mcerrys 13. Cornwall 14. Roberts on 16. Davidson & Wife turns out more than Club. So you see it is about the same here as there in regard to the crops. Corn is good and Oats pretty fair. But of the great Staple there is not more than half a crop and it is so all through Minnesota. Prices are pretty good. 62 for wheat. 25 for Potatoes and 18 for Oats.

William and I have made an Agreement. We are to go halves on everything except the Team which he is to provide. For the ten Dollars he owes me he is to provide my half of the Seed. There are 25 Acres broken on this place and we will work some place on Shares. So you see that I will make it pay. We are going tomorrow

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to see a man who wants to let his place. There are 60 acres broken on it and we heard that he offered to let it on condition that he ploughs the land provides the Seed and gets half in the Half bush. This would be a good bargain for us as we have but one team.

If we do not take this there are plenty of farms to let besides on as favorable terms.

Wm was four days away for our Luggage, the Road being very bad. He cannot go more than twice a week when he sells. You see it will take him quite a time to sell 50 dollars worth. The ~~horses~~ ~~are~~ in ~~poor~~ condition. We have to keep them tied up all the time on account of their being so breachy. we feed them Hungarian of which he has about 1 1/2 tons and 1 ton of wild hay. besides half an acre of Turnips.

Sarah has improved greatly since she came up here. She is to wash tomorrow. Jane Robertson helped her with the threshing. She will soon be stouter than ever. her appetite is good and she is able to bear a great deal of work without being fatigued.

Wm. brought lumber from Winona to put an addition to the House of 6 feet which will make it 12 x 18. large enough for us.

Thermometrical Record, Oct. 1861.

13 th	M.	31.	N.	60.	S.	47.	Beautiful day, attended meeting at Schoolhouse
14	"	48.	"	64.	"	56.	Wind S.W. Cloudy.
15	"	52.	"	68.	"	60.	Wind S.W. and very strong.
16	"	51.	"	64.	"	47.	" " " S.E. Foggy and Drizzly.
17	"	43.	"	47.	"	48.	" " " N.E. Heavy Rain at night.
18	"	47.	"	52.	"	64.	" " " N.E. Foggy
19	"	34.	"	54.	"	42.	" " " N.W. White Frost at night
20.	"	28.	"	52.	"	"	" " " S. Sunshiny. white frost.

Observations taken at 6 A.M. 1 P.M. and 7 P.M.

You may think it a sham about taking the observation at 6 in the morning, but I assure you that ever since I have been here, I have risen at Daylight, except this morning, when we rose at 7.

Let Sandy send the Record regularly, as I shall continue to do taking the observations always at the same time and it will be interesting as well as valuable. I will not go to St Charles more than once a week as it takes too much time. So post on Saturday and we will get it on Wednesday when the Tribune and Republican come.

and in as good health as I am

I remain your Affectionate Son
Tom

Dover Elmstead Co., Minn
[James Christie] Friday Oct 23rd 1864

Dear Father In the letter we
received a few days ago from you, you say
you would like to have a letter from me to
reach, so here it is, You must excuse its
dilatory appearance, for I have been so busy
settling things to rights in the Domestic Department
that I have had no time, to devote to either
reading or writing.

I enjoyed the journey very
much especially that part of it from Minnesota
to St Charles. We saw such splendid scenery
and had such excellent company that I entirely
forgot the fatigue of the night before. To tell all
of the many incidents of the journey would
take a longer letter than I intend to write.
But this I can tell you, that I enjoyed the night
ride to La Crosse, The six hours trip on the great
Mississippi. But most of all the ride in the open
stage to St Charles, It was about ~~quite~~ ^{quite} superb

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When we got there, William was at the Post Office
and so we started for his place, He went ahead
and set things to rights at the shanty and we
followed after, But I was pretty well used up
before we got there, It was the most miserable
looking place ever I looked at, I was home sick
enough the first few days, But now we have
got things fixed up pretty well and I am
in fair state good health and I am content to
stay here a year, The boys have offered me
\$25 Twenty Five dollars apiece if I will stay till
next fall, so I suppose I will stay, I took the
medicine for the first three days and I got
no better but worse, then Mrs Robertson
advised me not to take it any more and she
gave me Candy Tea instead. And I have been
getting stronger and stronger ever since, In fact
I am astonished at myself. I hope Davey is better
I have been very anxious to get a letter to know that
he is better.

We had a visit from Peter Cross,
They before yesterday morning he came up from

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Winona and went back yesterday morning, he has
hired out as horter at the Waverly house, you can let
the Pillsbury know if you see any of them, He said
he met Charles Rogers at the junction house going
back, He told Peter that he had been to St Charles
and had been to see us, Which is not so, If you see him
you can tell him we are much obliged to him for his
visit,

I have become acquainted with a great many
folks up here But I do not like any of them as
yet may be I shall when I get used to them, But
especially the young folks, They are all so free and easy
and sure so much slang language, and make them
selves at home everywhere, that I don't like it, The
young men round here are all Arch Brockways
and the girls I don't know what they are,
When one of them wants the other to hold her tongue
she says, Come now, you just simmer down and
dry up.

As to the Country it is splendid.
you can go up on the rise a little north of the shanty
and see I have been told thirty or forty miles with
out anything to intercept the view, But after all
I would rather have a farm in Chyman than up
here and Peter says the same. There are a great
many Scotch families round here, There are
Robertsons, Clarksons, ~~Stachens~~ Strachens, Davidsons,
Morrisons, Stewarts, Kenders, Blairs, so you see there
are more than there is in Chyman,

Thomas has got the
cellar dug under the addition and he is now cutting
out the timbers for it, While William is away to get

a quarter of beef that he has bought, William is going to Winona on Monday with the first ~~load~~ load of wheat. It will take him two weeks at the very least to haul all his wheat, he had only 234 bushel, and then he has his taxes to pay which will be about ten or twelve dollars and the rent for his land which is fifty six his threshing bill is \$2.36 and then your money and then besides there was a man sued him up about some rails and iron and William has to pay \$13. thirteen dollars and odds, so you see he is pretty hard set, and then he has to buy a new stove for this is so smothered up it will not do, and buy beef and potatoes and butter for the winter for he had nothing, and there is no ploughing done if he has any more debts I do not know, for it was the neighbors that told us of the lawsuit first, But Tom is making things fly at a great rate, William was just going to leave his claim and go away out west where he would never be heard of again if we had not come just when we did. ^{we} We did not find out

about it till some of the neighbors told us first about it. He is going to try to take that land from Robert if he can that troubles me greatly for I do not believe he can get any way, and if he does Robertson will make him pay dearly for it if I am not mistaken. I have heard of the threats that he has made if William succeeds in taking it from him, but Robertson's folks have been extremely kind to Tom and I extremely so. But William does not speak to any of them. Now I know that you have made a great many sacrifices for us all, this while back. But I believe if you could let that debt go till spring, that William could get along ~~on that~~ and get through all his troubles, that is if you really could. When he goes to Winona on Monday he is going to try to get a place to work all winter and he is sure that he can for help is scarce in Winona on account of the over and wages are high so that if he got work he could pay you in the spring. I have heard him talking these things over but remember I am speaking on my own hook. But I am perfectly sure of all I have

said, The boys do not know that I am telling
you all these things, But Tom read down
to where I spoke to you about ~~that~~ ^{let} to you,
But don't write back to Whiff and let him know
that I have let ~~you~~ ^{Tom} all his affairs, you can
think it over and do as you think best but I
know that it would be a ~~boresome~~ ^{boresome} to him
if you would let that go till spring, If he
goes to Winona all winter Tom and I will
keep house alone

you can tell Helen that I
will write a letter to her on Sunday as I
have not time now, I have to ~~spare~~ ^{spare} get to bed
give my love to both Grandmothers and to mother
I hope that Dave is better, Tell Sandy to write
and give me all the news of the neighborhood
I would like you to write me a letter as soon
as you can, I answered Robert's letter to Wash
and so did Tom give my respects to all in your
family, Write soon your Daughter
C. J. Christie

1861
Port Snelling, Nov 21.

Dear Father,

I write to tell
you that we do not start
till Monday the 24th.

If the weather
holds good and the River
is open we will pass
Lynman on the 26th.

But it probab
that we will have
to go down to La Crosse
in wagons or on foot
In fact I cannot tell
you anything certain
about it. So you
will have to just

take the chance of hearing
there when we are coming.

~~Jim Strachan~~

Jim Strachan
has been transferred
into the Third Cavalry.

We are all going
together to St. Louis.

I have not time
to tell you the
reasons that induced
him to do so and which
very nearly separated
him and I. You must
think I am going backward
in writing, but this is written on a
window seat with no light and a bad steel
pen
I G Christie

Fort Snelling, Dec. 6th
1861

Dear Brother,

I have intimated to you so often that "this would be the last letter from the Capt," that I am almost ashamed to put pen to paper again under this first mark. However, you can join us in execrating Adj. Gen. Sanborn to whom is to be ascribed our detention here.

We have been ready to start at five minutes notice for the last two weeks, drill 4 hours per day with ^{Knap} Knapsacks, Canteens and Blankets all packed and slung.

We are improving in
discipline fast and
expect soon to begin the
Gaber Exercise in which
the Non Commissioned
officers are perfecting themselves.

I wrote you in
my last not to send any more
letters here but I have since
ascertained that letters with
the following address will
be forwarded to us anywhere

First Minn.
Battery, Fort Snelling Minn.
Care of Capt. Munch.

So write on receipt of
this and let us know
how things are going on
in Chyman.

I will write the day we
start and hope to see some
of you at the Station

We are under marching
orders now and all that
stops us is the condition
of the River. Even as I write
I hear a cry of surprise
from the loungers on the
north wall and going out
I am shown a black hole
in the ice, where a Span
of horses and sleigh have just
gone down the driver barely

This is the first accident of
the kind this winter.

It is getting dark so good bye
for the present.

Thomas J. Skittle

William and Fare well

Enough 152 Lbs

Studying Algebra

escaping with his life.

This is the first accident of
the kind this winter.

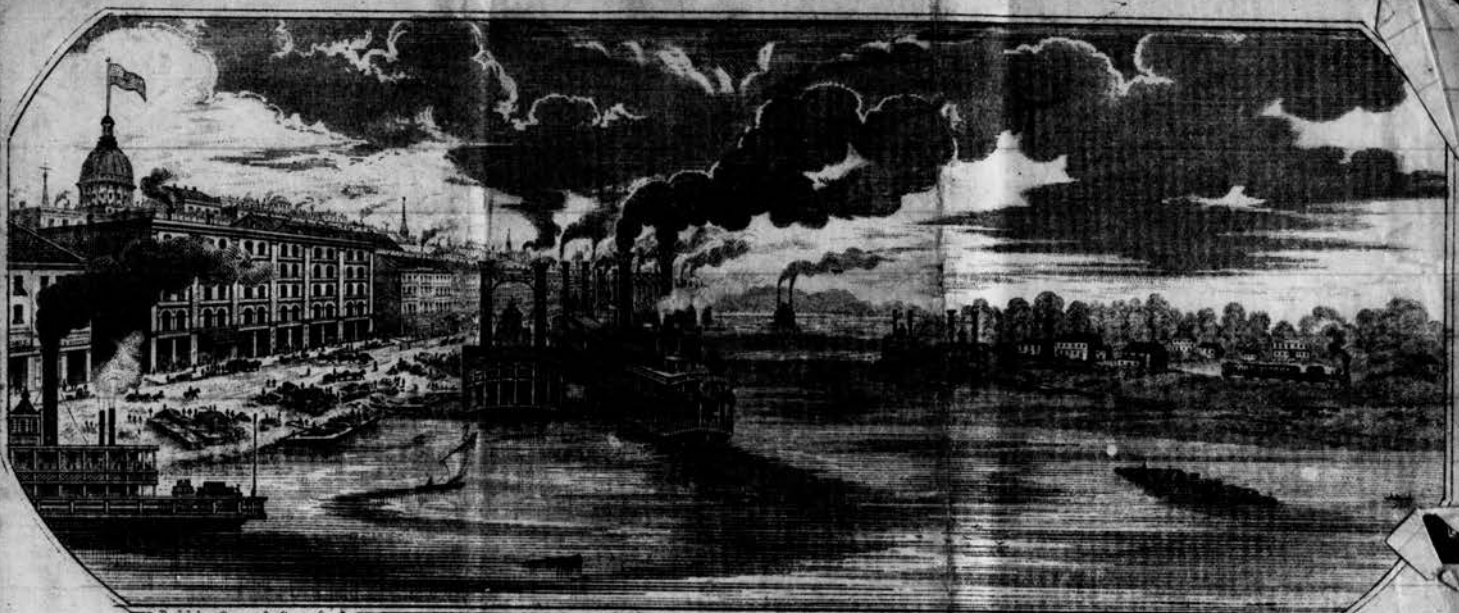
It is getting dark so good Bye
for the present.

Thomas S. Christy

William and Fare well.

Freigh 159 Lbs

Studying Algebra



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ST. LOUIS FROM THE RIVER.

A. M. Leach lith.

Camp Benton. Mo. Dec. 24/61

Dear Sister,

In my present life I have plenty of leisure, as we do not drill any yet until we get our guns. So more from a feeling of ennui than anything else have I been prompted to devote a half hour to the delineation of some part of the scenes in Camp life.

Our Company is quartered for the present in a room about 60 feet by 30. all round this room are the bunks for the men, three tiers in height, formed of uprights, crosspieces joining them together, and boards laid on the crosspieces. on these the bedtick is laid. two men

sleeping together. William and I are to be
bedfellows after tomorrow.

As I write, a peddler
is gathering a crowd around him at one
end of the room, by his glowing
description of his wares, "So Cheap Shirts!"
and as large a crowd is gathered around
his clever imitator who is holding forth
in the same style at the other end.

We have all kinds of
Characters in our Battery, some of whom
I hope to describe to you someday. 3 men
have been members of the Legislature, 3 were
in the Crimea, 1 served under Lieutenant,
-now Commodore Dupont, 1 was with
Fremont in his first Expedition west
of the Rocky Mountains, and 6 or 7 were
in the Mexican War.

So you see we have thrilling stories told around
our Campfire, and more interesting than
those related by Novelists Characters.

~~that I have~~ And here let me remark
that I ^{have} discovered things to be just as I
had imagined them to be. The immense
Prairies of Illinois did not appear in
the least strange to me, for they looked
exactly as I knew they must look. It is so
with our military life, I adapt myself
to it much more readily than the
most of our men do, who have not yet
realized that they are no longer independent
Citizens, but Soldiers bound by certain
rules and Regulations, and subject to all
the privations, fatigues and dangers consequent
to a Soldiers life in time of War.

A great many of our men - and the
Americans especially - cannot leave off
those habits of Independence, which are
so meritorious in the civilian, but
so pernicious in the Soldier. Hence
there are daily in our company instances
of insubordination and misconduct
which, if the laws were executed
would be severely punished.

The Picture I send you is a pretty correct representation of St. Louis. You can see the City with its brick buildings, its coal Chimneys, and its Courthouse, the finest building of its kind in America. The Levee with its piles of goods and four horse teams. The River with its Steamers, and their clouds of smoke, and on the other side, Belleville with its Depots and Railroad trains. It has only the faults the River is not wide enough and the City not black enough.

Remember that the best Christmas Box you can send us will be a long letter. So, A Merry Christmas to you, and to all our friends.

Thomas.