

Emblem of Flags
The Constitution Forever - Rebellion Must be Put Down"

*Wm. Stone B. Redman
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Wm. Stone B. Redman*

Letter No. 1

Camp Douglas, Ills. February 25, 1862
6 o'clock in Eve.

Dear Mother:

It is with much pleasure that I write to you at this time. I feel very well and have just eaten a hearty supper. Mother, you must not worry yourself about me for I anticipate good health and a prospective future.

As regards the war, it must end soon. If you were to see that I have seen this evening you would think so too. Heres are seven or eight thousand prisoners all clad in rags. a more shameful looking set you never saw. They will hardly speak when spoken to. I have inquired some for Joe B can but cannot hear anything of him.

All proceedings in the War Department seem yet to favor the North so the paper states this evening. We arrived here this evening about four o'clock and were all sworn in again. The Captain appears to be a very fine man and told me that what Baxter told me is all right and that I should have a Sergeant. It is all right, Mother, if I can get my \$34.00 per month and send it to you. I will be satisfied. Balley and McKay are here with me. We leave here tomorrow for Camp Butler. I will write as soon as I get there. I shall write often and want you to do the same.

We left Polo at ten and a half o'clock and arrived at Mendota at one o'clock where we stayed until nine o'clock this morning when we resumed our journey to this place. We would have been here this morning had it not been the engine got out of rig and they had to fix it.

Mother, this is a rough place indeed. There are four of the boys playing cards on the table where I am writing and others are playing all over the tent. I have seen more drunk men since yesterday than I ever saw in one year for of all places for swearing this takes the lead but Mother be assured that I have quit the practice. Give my respects to all my friends,

(signed) W.H. Redman

S. I will write again soon. I think that we have a good-hearted set of men.

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Camp Butler March 6th 1865

Friends at Home:

It is in haste that I shall write you this evening. I am well and doing finely. I like this place very much. Do not have much to do and good times in general. We have not been mustered into the United States service yet and I do not expect we will soon, hence I cannot send you any money at this time. We cannot receive any pay until we are mustered in, hence do not depend on me for any money now; I will send it to you when I get it. I almost know that we will never leave this Camp and will be disbanded in a few months. Dear Friends, do not worry yourselves about me for I am all right. Be assured that when I get sick I will let you know. Who sick are well cared for here. Alonzo Hobbs who lives near Hickory Grove and a parish boy are here in the Hospital. They are getting well fast. I have been down to Springfield once since I came here. Our Reg. has to guard the prisoners here. I stood guard last Sunday night, it was as dark as black and if Hank didn't get a good old soaking by rain then I miss my guess. The Seeseh prisoners are coming into camp every day. Two hundred came in today, ten or fifteen of them die every day. I saw two brothers digging a grave for another brother today and even then one of our boys stood over them with a musket. I know that this is hard but they must endure it they commended the war and we will end it. You must not think of hard times there at home, there are fathers, brothers and brothers who are severed from their friends in the south, what do you think of them? Put I must close, God bye, dear friends, I am coming home again in a few days - in a few days! please do write soon.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

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Dear Redman,
I was glad to hear that you
some to hand in two lines and
my fault, and think a change might be
pleasure that it helps out as almost to go
out of the way for you are at it as he
warm that you can go about in your
think about, with as much ease as we do
have with our work in. There is a great many
of the scholars having now, and I hope
I think, I am kind of staying here in
it go about what, at least it went in
to get the things to my mind with me.
I am going home next Saturday, for good
unless you if any find you do some
I am well at present, and hope when this
keep in the apartment with great pleasure
St. Redman, dear friend,
Yours truly,
John Danner



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Shimer gave me the one in Trig.
 to solve I have one of the distances
 worked out, on paper by my side.
 The "fish" is all right and comes
 to the Lycaean and
 well! no matter about that. It's a
 beautiful weather the paper
 being nearly all gone. I'd like
 a paper in the Hall so that
 we have all the news and
 a little more too. The stirring
 events of a few weeks past
 have made the people so
 afraid they'll never get down
 again. You said that it
 likely that you will stay
 in Butler. I'm sorry for your
 sake for I know that you
 would like to make at least
 one squad of Decent "Heptadelli"
 that's the name of the
 don't care for good or bad



big or little (any more than that
 a big man is bigger) so if you
 stay there you have this consolati-
 on of your friends. I don't
 running the risk of being
 killed entirely. But my indis-
 criminately scriawling will take
 all the room and leave none
 for the other boys I'll tell more
 the next time if I hear more.

Yours till then as ever,
 Dave Stock

Dear Friend
 Bro. Stock has left some room
 and I write a few words. Am well & progressing
 about the same as when you were here. The people
 are all alive and moving yet. The snow is going
 daily and spring seems near. I had not
 been home yet since you were here. Freds School has
 closed, and Watsons will soon. I heard from the
 A. Brewer. I want to go home next Friday if I can
 I am bent on going before Ex. and shall go there if I can
 If I get through Ex. it will be a wonder to the natives
 But I shall give them the best that I have got. And
 if I get through I'll ride home on a shingle. I heard
 from Brock the other night he was in Columbus Ky. This Reg. was
 the first within the fort. They have written and described
 the fortifications was interesting. I'll Bailey & McRay
 Write often and always when you move from
 one place to another. Your Schoolmate, Virgil,
 H. Redman

Marshall March 24 - 1862.

Dear friend Redman -

Yours of the 19th reached ^{me} about one hour since and I haste a reply, as I expect to leave for Kansas in the morning, to be absent two weeks, and it occurred to me that you might possibly receive working orders before my return, and thus I would lose your address.

I am very glad that you still remember me, and the Bible Class, and be assured we think kindly and prayerfully of the absent.

The Bible Class is prospering finely - several additions in membership, as also to the S. school. Yesterday we held our second concert - and the prize of 50 cts was awarded to Escott Tomlinson for the best essay on "How to keep the Sabbath holy" - The church was nearly full of spectators - an interesting time.

us, though absent - I send you a small tract, and hope you will read it to others when you can get them to listen to you - I will send you something else soon to read. My sheet is not sketched yet, but I shall close for want of time - Write me again soon - your letters will ever be well come - May the Lord bless and keep you - and when you receive orders to leave the Camp of Life, with the great Captain lead you to heaven.

Affectionately
Yours etc
O. D. W. White

W. H. Redman

P.S. - Give my regards to Daniel Mc Kay - I will write him upon my return soon - Possibly I may return by way of Springfield - If so, I will see you -
O. D. W. -

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I hope our "Northern boys" will not only present a hardier constitution to the ills and coughs of camp life than the "southerners," but likewise show them the excellence and benefit of a moral character - good example.

The foundation of a good soldier, is moral rectitude of character. You speak of being surprised at the corrupt state of camp life. Doubtless it is beyond our imagination - but one thing

is evident if wickedness were with the human heart, it would not stand itself at all. "The heart is desperately wicked" - and "deceitful" - "who can know it?" - When we see men, as they are seen in camp, two things become evident. 1st, the bible is correct in its decision on the wickedness of the heart. 2d.

Men need a new heart. I hope you will pray earnestly that God will keep you from the sins & wickedness which you see around you - and that you

pray for the spirit of the Lord to curb and correct the vicious. And though you may be wounded by evil arrows, do not suffer the man of sin to wound your heart, with his poisoned arrows. Bring no score back with ^{you} on the soul.

To find your shield, read Ephesians. You are not to possess both arms of the enemy, the shafts of death are pointed at you. They fall thick and fast around the camps - and you may fall there.

Oh heart, repent and be turned around - pray - and read God's holy word. Be in earnest to keep peace with God. Keep the campfires of the soul burning. Throw out strong picket guards to watch its enemies.

Believe with all thy heart in the blessed savior, and he will be a sin & a shield. Our Bible lesson for next sabbath begins with the 17th verse of the 2nd chapter of Mark and it can be read each sabbath we take 4 verses; so you will be able to read and consult the same lesson with



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I am now in
the woods alone, but
will soon have to
retreat to camp for
fear of being taken
by the woodpeckers, they
are fast approaching on
every side, as thick as
two pins a bed, I believe
as true as I am writing
you, that I have said
over 100 since commen-
ing. They are the great
secret, some are almost
large enough to enlist
in the Southern cause.
I must now fall
back for reinforcements.
Will soon

Ever your true friend
and fellow soldier
W. H. Jones.

P. S. Direct to Col. as before

Camp Crook Timber
March 28th 1862.

Friend Henry

Your kind
epistle of the 17th Inst.
came duly to hand, and
I hasten with a response.
I was glad to learn
that you was well, &
enjoying yourself so much,
but was truly surprised
to learn that you had
enlisted for a soldier.
I think the time is
fast approaching
when volunteers
will be set at liberty
again. Are you a volunteer
or a regular soldier?
for how long ^{since} have you enlisted

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Since I last wrote you we have had some long and tiresome marches, we are now 200 miles from Rolla, encamped here the Ark. line, have been 2 days march into Ark. At 10 o'clock in Mo. again, camped one night in the battle field near Sugar Creek but what was worst of all, we were late for the fight, why we retreated out of Ark is more than I can tell, the evening is to be beyond Ft. Smith I think we will have to leave this camp before long for want of forage this section is entirely stripped of everything

for over 20 miles in every direction what the women and children will do for a living is more than I can tell God alone must protect them or some will perish. We are now some 15,000 strong and are willing to meet twice our No. any day for the sake of a little sport. A great many of the volunteers are enlisting in the regular service, they are beating up for regular all over Camps but it will do them good I guess when they get me as a regular

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Beautiful Emblem on stationery. "Tell them to obey the laws and support the Constitution of the United States" - Douglass.
Camp Butler Saturday morning March 28, 1862.

Dear Mother:

Your son Hank will write you a few lines this morning to let you know that he is well and doing well. Gained about five pounds in weight since I left home, which is certainly an indication of my good health and that we have plenty to eat. What we have to eat is not of so great a variety as you have at home but it is good. We have good bread, meat (beef part of the time) tea or coffee as we may choose and beans. Our rations are more than we can possibly use, hence we change them for other things when we have an opportunity. We can exchange them for anything we wish, such as dried apples or peaches and very little things to season our victuals with. The only fault that I can find with Uncle Sam is that he clothes us too well. I have more clothes than I know what to do with. I have so far had my washing done out in the country. I shall either send, or bring, my citizen's clothes home soon. I will let you know if I send them. I do not expect to find my own horse, hence sell Mt. G. if you can get a good chance. You need not depend upon my coming home for I shall not come to stay at home if I should come. We have received part of our arms and will receive the rest soon. You had better believe that Hank looks gay with a sword at his side. Mother, you seem to think that the roughness of Camp life will have a demoralizing effect upon me. Be assured I know what I am about and do not trouble yourself about me but time away as pleasant as possible. A few months, or years perhaps, will roll by and I shall return home bearing my name a victor of victory over rebellion, which I trust will not lose its lustre of silvered honor in after years. I know that we soldier boys will have hardships to encounter and difficult tasks to perform yet I shall try to endure my share and only look forward into joining the Army for my reward. Do not think that I regret the step I have taken in joining the Army; for I do not but would do so again. I freely give up all the pleasures of the Home Circle and youthful associates to duck the staves of honor which will belong to every Soldier Boy. Mother I have nothing more to write to you now, having written to the girls only a few days ago. I have received but two letters from home since I left, hence would like to have you write to me often. Give my love to the family and all inquiring friends. From your affectionate Son,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

Catherine Redman
To Ma. I know nothing about your album. Ma who wrote in my album. Tell Ma Simmons my address and to write to me if she wished to do so. Is Miss Rich going to have the center school, etc.?
SIR

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Mumford & Co.
One Country - One Constitution.
We were (I) connect the church
last night by the meeting
April 4 1869



your child it is
through the mercy
of good God's
mercies in visiting
you thus
I hope you know that
we are all well at present and
hope this will find you the
same I cannot express my feelings
about you and find to
part with friends here and
none than all of child that
I try why the visiting grace of
God to live right in this and
there will be a hope of meeting
again on the other shore where
we will never part again
none got secured a letter
from you it started you was



Watching video if so we would like to know if I would like to know what you are going to do in April all about the matter in general as far as you know nothing more this time but remains your affectionate Mother June is going to answer that letter in a few days as she has not time just now Oh goodness like to a forget yesterday was almost the first sunny day we have had the snow is all gone and the boys are going to bring that it up in my dear they don't get at it that is all this time love Franky and Larry sends love to you and all the best good bye from W. H. Redman to the Redmans



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Beautiful paper blue with red Eagle and caption "The Federal Union it must be preserved" over the shield of the United States.

Camp Butler, Illinois

Wednes. Morn.

April 9th, 1862

Dear Mother and Father:

As the "Eagle" above is cast in colors of red so have our Illinois soldier boys been cast recently in the fires of blood. A special despatch reached here this evening announcing the greatest battle that has ever been fought on the American Continent. It is stated that about 60,000 - 20,000 of whom are our own State Boys, have gurgled away their last breath and are now across the dark flowing river. Doubtless but a few months will pass by ere this unholy rebellion will be crushed. I only ask the privilege to win a few of the laurels, with the rest of my associates who are now in the army. I do not wish to return to Carroll County unless I return as one of the victors or a corpse. You wish to know what I intend to do - I hope to maintain the honor of my country and aid in crushing to the valleys of desolation all its opposing foes. Andrew Brock was in this battle and his Colonel was shot in the breast, but was not fatally hurt. Bailey's brother was in the battle and he feels very bad. Perry Winters was also in the battle and his Colonel was wounded. Risk from Carroll was also there. I shall send you a list of the killed and wounded in a few days. We must and can but expect to find the names of some of our acquaintances on the list. I hope that we may not do so. The battle lasted two days and one night. The news has excited great excitement here. Forward movements are now being made by the whole Northern Army and we expect to have stirring news from hence forward. You need not look for me to come home for I cannot tell when I shall be there - in all probability not very soon. I will send my clothes to Fred Brock in S tarrling and you can get them of him - I will not send them until I leave here; so if I should come home before I go away from here I can bring them and it will not cost me anything. I keep them all right and safe until you when I send them if I do so. I expect to get my pay the first of May and shall send it to you by express to Sterling. You need not look for my clothes or any money until I write to you about sending them. You must try to do at home without me the best you can and save all do not worry yourselves about me. I read a letter from you this evening and was very glad to hear that you were well and had paid Van Dusan. Now do not pay that \$25.00 note. Write to me all the news and tell me all about the debts in general. Tell me about Hathaway. Give me all the news about your husband. I want you all to write and write often. Give my regards to all inquiring friends and to none others. I want Emeline to tell me who all write in my album after I left and tell me who all have taken schools and where they are. In short tell me all the news that you think I would like to hear. Take good care of my books and letters in my trunk. Send me those like addresses in a letter one at a time. Good Bye for this time.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

Eliz Redman
Catherine Redman

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A Large Red Spreading Eagle and in its beak -
The Federal Union, it must be preserved".

Camp Butler, Ills.
Sat. Apr. 12th, 1862.

Nelson and Markle Redman.

Dear Brothers:

It is also ~~my~~ very pleasant for me to write to you. I am just in receipt of yours, dated April 1st. I am and always shall be pleased to learn of your prosperity. So father has sold both the colts. You must not mind it, but work away on the Farm until the debts are paid and by the time you will need them other colts will grow up. You must be good and obedient, boys. Use all possible ways to keep the work going and do not, by all means, quarrel between yourselves, but do everything for each other to keep harmony and peace in the family. When you work, do your work good, and when you play, try to enjoy yourself; but remember always that work is first and then pleasure. If you wish to reap a good harvest, you must put your seed in the ground good, at the right time. You must also take good care of your horses if you wish them to stand the fatigue of hard labor. Sow a good deal of grain for I shall be there to help you to harvest it. Plant a good deal of corn, for I know that you are the boys to work it. In short try to employ all your time profitably and judiciously.

I shall send some money about the first of May, and then you must get someone to help you fix the fences. You better get some lumber and make a board-fence around the corner near the  school house.

You say that Annie Brock is married, well I am sorry, but can't cry. Markle I couldn't guess whom she married. Boys, you must read all the papers I send home, and don't forget to do so. Study all you can and try to learn to write and have Melvine show you how to commence a letter. You must learn all you can so that when you become men, you can accept of any position in society which may be offered you. Who knows but that you both will become efficient lawyers, or good politicians.

Don't fail or forget to improve every opportunity to get knowledge so that you may become useful in the world. Remember that Hank says - you will never regret it and when you become men you will thank me for ~~it~~ the advice. I shall see that both of you will have as good a chance as I have had if you only try to do something yourselves. I want you both to write ~~to~~ me often and I shall see whether you make any improvement in writing, or not. When you write tell me all the particulars.

Oh!, yes, about 1,000 more Seesh came in today from Island No. 10. Wenow have to guard three thousand and they are rough looking customers I tell you. I want you to send Strock's, Woolley's and Brock's likenesses to me and send one at a time. Give my regards to all the boys and tell Charley durin to write to me again. Give my love to all the girls. So good-by for this time.

Yours very truly,
W. H. Redman

Nelson L. Redman
Markle E. Redman

P. S. When Virgil comes home, tell him to write ^{to} me and tell me all about the examination and tell A. S. Ferguson that he had better answer my letter.

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Dear Friend John:

Camp Butler, April 17, 1862.

It is always a great source of pleasure; especially those coming from friends upon whom I can depend to be true friends. Remembering as I do the many pleasures of youth and those youthful associates who enjoyed those pleasures with me, I am now made to wish that I could live my short life again. I am sure that it would be pleasant to me; - would it not be pleasant to you? John. But our school days have fled - youth has nearly passed with all her bloom and gayeties - our lovely associates are scattered abroad & this cold hearted world to act each for himself, and we must be content with reflecting upon the past, acting in the present, and looking forward with hopes to the future. - John as you say, I hope, if we are not permitted to meet on earth, that we may meet in a fairer clime and not only us; but all our loved friends and acquaintances.

I do not now know when I shall be at home but probably before long as the war is fast coming to a close. The great victory at Pittsburg Landing explains the determination of our Northern Army. We find there that nothing but victory or death would do our northern boys; and so it will be in every case. Years will fly by and ages roll into eternity but the bravery and heroism which our troops showed at Pittsburg-Landing shall never be forgotten. We are expecting hourly to hear of another battle at Corinth. This, it is thought, will decide the war.

All the boys who went from Genesee Grove were in the battle or at least their Regiments were. Lafayette's ^{of which} ~~the~~ ^{Michigan} ~~Michigan~~ lost one finger, so the papers state, I have not heard from any more of the boys. I suppose that they are all right. It is thought here that the war will not last much longer. About one thousand more prisoners were brought here a few days ago from Island Number 10. There are here now about three thousand, and they are rough looking critters indeed. How long we shall stay here I cannot tell you - probably until we are disbanded. You will please excuse poor writing and answer as soon as convenient.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Redman

John Overholser

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Camp Butler, Illinois

Monday April 22nd, 1862

Dear B rother Nelson:

I hasten to drop you a few lines. I am well and enjoying good times. I would like very much to see you all at home and enjoy the pleasures of home for a short time; but this cannot be now. Nelson I wish to impress upon your young and tender mind that you are now forming a character for life and that the habits which you now practice, whether good or bad, will most likely be your closest companion through life. You are now in the bloom of youth - your mind is as the young growing tree. As it matures with age the more fixed it becomes in its course; and remember well, that as it now inclines, so it will grow. If you seek for virtue, happiness and honor, endeavor always to do the right and avoid the wrong. Never take me as a pattern, for I must say with deep regret that I have not always done as I should. Always keep an eye for the future and employ the present as though it never will return.

In short, do not pass time idly by, but improve every moment. You should not only be kind and obedient to Father and Mother but avoid quarreling and jangling with brothers and sisters. - -

Springtime has now come. You remember that this is the season of the year, well in which you must sow and plant your grain and fix up your fences. Do your work well and in its season, is the best advice I can give you.

The weather has not been so good ^{here} this month as it was in March. It has rained a great deal these last two weeks. The sun is shining warm today and all goes well in camp. Enclosed you will find a letter which I received from A. J. Brook today. I send you papers as often as I can; do you get them? One of our boys was shot yesterday by accident. The ball passed through his head. It entered at the left side of his nose and came out at the back of his head. I was within ten or fifteen steps of him when the gun went off. He fell without speaking - merely made one shriek and was no more. His Captain died in about ten minutes afterward with typhoid fever. Tell Em that Captain Fisk had his heart torn from his body by a cannon ball. Bailey had a brother wounded in the battle at Pittsburg Landing.

Nelson, I want you and all the family to write to me often. Give my regards to all the folks and tell them that Hank is coming home when the war is ended. Make the best of life you can so good Bye. In haste, I am,
Very truly,

(Signed) Hank

Nelson Redman
Marble Redman and All.

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Camp Butler, Ills.
May 26th, 1862

Dear Mother:

I hasten to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and that I shall send some money to the Express Office at Lemark. It will be at the place in a few days. You will need some money (one or two dollars) to get it out of the office. I want you to pay Range Baker \$2.50 for that team and don't forget to do so, Uncle Lot \$4.00 and the remainder use yourself to the best advantage. I saw Patch at Mt. Carroll. He said that he had those Hathaway notes for collections. You better try not to be sued on them, yet do as you please about paying them now.

When I got to Mt. Carroll that day, I found the Orderly Sergeant there to help me. He and I took Putman last Friday morning. I was at Fulton since I left you and stayed two days. I arrived in camp Saturday evening at dusk. All goes well in camp. We have got our horses and saddles, I think that we shall go Southward soon; and do not expect to see you again until the war is over. I shall send you my money as I said and you must make the best of life's ill that you can. The boys are having a great time spending their money. They get rid of it in all ways that you can imagine.

The news is not of much importance - I wrote to Em yesterday and will write a note to Jane; so I will close for the present. With much love, I am, Very truly,

Your affectionate Son, etc.,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

Catharine Redman

Dearest Jane:

Your brother Hank is all right. It is just one week this morning since you and I took the parting hand and I am just as well now as I was then. I had good success in taking Putnam; had to fire three shots through the floor before he would surrender the Fort. - we have him here now in the Guard House awaiting his Court Martial. Bailey is well again and the boys are all in good spirits. Have received our pay, horses, saddles and so forth. We have hopes now of leaving this Camp soon. I want you to remember me to all inquiring friends and, Jane, do the best you can until I see you again - now do write soon and often. I shall do so. So Good-bye. Your affectionately etc.,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

P. J. Redman

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**Stationery Decoration
"Columbia standing before a waving flag
in colors."**

Camp Butler, Ills.

June 5th, 1862

Friends at Home:

In haste I write you this evening, or afternoon rather. I am well
and doing the same -- and have been since I returned. I wrote to you twice
since I came back but as yet have received no answer. I thought that you said
you would write often and soon. Why don't you do so? I sent you sixty
dollars by express to Legarks did you get it? The weather is fine here now.
How does crops prosper with you? And how are you getting along with your work?
Is Ed's school still preparing? Is everything going on the same as ever? In
short, what is the news in general? I want you to write and let me know, all
the particulars.

I am all right. I am going out to Clinton this evening on recruiting
business. Will probably stay for several days. When we shall leave here I do
not know, I think though before long. The news is good today and a salute of
25 guns was fired here this morning in honor of Genl. Pope who has captured 10,000
prisoners thirty miles on the other side of Corinth. He is doing a good work and
I think has won laurels in this war. McClellan is pressing hard upon Richmond;
and our Armies are everywhere accompanied with success. I don't know any thing
more to write at present that would interest you. Only that Halleck has been dis-
charged and has gone home. His father applied to the Secretary and got him dis-
charged. He was not of age. Yours in Haste,
W. H. Redman

Family and All. I want you to write.

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Wheeling, Va.

July 1st, 1862.

Dear Parents:

With very much pleasure I write you a few lines to let you know where I am and that I am well. I arrived here last evening at five o'clock and we have camped for to stay until our horses are refreshed again, then we expect to take up march for some place farther south, I do not know where.

We left Camp Butler on Friday morning last and would have reached here sooner had we not stopped _____ apolis and _____
Saturday _____ until Sunday _____
From

We came through _____ and Ohio, had a very pleasant trip indeed. The weather has been good and everything favored us on our journey. The Union flag was displayed not only at every little town but from every dwelling on the road. May the Lord bless the ladies of Indiana and Western Ohio for their kindness toward us. Such processions of people as turned out at the large cities I never saw before. At Dayton, Ohio on Sunday evening not less than eight or ten thousand _____ while the engines _____ baskets full of _____

_____ the ladies _____ who wouldn't fight for this country when cheered on in such a way. God bless those we have left behind, is all we have to say. But, dear friends, I am now in the enemies' Country and shall not see you again until this War is over. May prosperity attend you all and God grant that if we never meet on this side that we all be so fortunate as to meet in a brighter _____ Father you need not tell any the latter part of your life - doing but _____ in peace. I shall _____ with. But you must excuse me as I am in a hurry. Give my love to all inquiring friends and write soon. I will send the money so laemark as before but you need not go there after it until I write you again. Good Bye. I will write to the girls as soon as I can. Do write soon and often.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

W. H. Redman
O. Redman

Direct to Wheeling, Va. 12th Ills. Cav. Co. #04. Colonel Yoss, Commanding

Bank will fight hard.

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Camp Carlille, Va.

July 2nd, 1862 Wednesday, Eve.

Dear Cousin:

It is with some difficulty that I write you. I am well and doing finely, but can hardly find a decent place to write on - I am writing on a box about two feet high and am sitting on the ground. We left Camp Butler on Friday last and arrived here on Monday evening. We had a good time making our journey. Came through Indiana and Ohio. We passed through a part of Indiana and a part of Ohio on Sunday. The people turned out in great numbers at every station. At Dayton, about 6 thousand, thronged about the cars while we stopped. The young ladies gave many of the boys bouquets and brought us cakes and pies. Oh! and don't I love some of them though! This camp is a very nice one and is situated on an island between the Ohio and Virginia shores of the Ohio River. Well, Eli, Hank is in an enemies' country and is just as willing to fight Secesh as ever. You are right, I wouldn't be anything but a soldier. I want you to tell me what young man said that I would come home if I could. I would have liked to have been there on the 28th. I suppose that you had a good time. I want you to write and tell me all about it. Give me the particulars. The crops looked rather backward in Indiana and the corn in Ohio. The wheat was being harvested all through Ohio and appeared very well. Harvesting is nearly done here. The country looks rough I tell you. Nothing but rocks and hills, surround us. Eli, I can't begin to tell you anything about how the country - you can look on the map and learn where I am. I am just above Palat (Belair) on the Ohio shore and on an island belonging to Virginia called Wheeling. Wheeling is a very nice town. Eli, I wish that I could see you about one hour so that I could tell you all about our journey. Well, Eli, you must write to me soon and tell me all the news. Tell me all about the girls in general. Give my regards to the schoolman and all other young ladies. Regards to all, your folks and all of you write to Hank. Your Trug. Cousin and Friend,

W. H. Redman

Direct to W. H. Redman, 12th Ills. Cavalry, Company "G" Camp Carlille, Wheeling, Virginia.
Eli Mead, Esqr.

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Camp Carlisle, Va.

July 6th, 1862

Dear Sisters:

With the greatest of pleasure I reply to your letters which came to hand a few days before I left Camp Butler. I am well and enjoying myself very well. Today is Sunday and I have been outnunting two deserters all day. It is now three o'clock and very warm. We are camped on an island of the Ohio River and, hence, it is very cold in evenings but the sun comes out about ten o'clock in morning and shines very hot all day. We shall leave here on tomorrow afternoon. Our destination is unknown to us - probably somewhere in McClellan's Department. I fancy that we shall "smell" powder soon. All right, Hank is ready for anything, but guarding prisoners. Did you hear any report regarding the 12th's being captured by Rebels? I understand that it has been published in the Chicago paper that we were captured by the Rebels 20 miles from here. The report is false and you must not believe any of the reports until you know them to be true. This is a very pleasant Camp and we have plenty of water and it is good water. Harvest is nearly over here and the crops are good. Yet the country is so rough and hilly that I do not see any such fields of grain as in Ills. I have not received my pay yet but probably will soon and will send it to you to Lanark as before. I will let you know when I send it. Haven't yet seen any of the ruins of the Rebellion but have hopes to soon.

Dear Sisters, you must not fret and worry your minds about me for, remember, that if I should fall upon the battle field and not be permitted to see you again in this world, that it is in a good cause and with a willing heart; I will be true to the oath that I have taken and my back shall never be turned to the enemy without orders from my Commanding Officers. I do not go into the enemy's country with hatred and envy in my heart but am urged on by a realization of my duty to Country and love for my home and friends.

May the good Lord bless the Nation with speedy restoration of peace and harmony. I want you to both look to your own self interests and never forget that a good character is worthy of all commendation. Girls, I must bid you good bye. You have my best wishes as a brother. I will write again when we have again settled down in Camp.

Write often and soon.

Don't forget to designate the Regiment, distinctly.

Direct your letters via Springfield, Illinois.

Your loving brother,

Hank

Do write soon

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Martinsburg, Va.

July 10th, 1862

Dear Parents:

With much pleasure I write you. I am well and enjoying the comforts of Camp life. You have already learned by the date of my letter where I am. We arrived here last evening about dark and have been busy ever since fixing our tents and getting ready to live once more. We left Camp Carlisle on the morning of the 8th at daybreak and came across a part of Maryland on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

I could tell you much of our journey but have not time now, - probably will tell you something in my next letter. Anyhow, suffice it to say, that we passed through Allegany and Cumberland mountains, which was very interesting to me, you know. We are now camped on a Secesh farm close to the banks of the Potomac River. The Secesh that owned this farm is in the Rebel Army, hence his property is confiscated to the United States Government. The Railroad bridges about here were burned by the Rebel Jackson but a few weeks ago and the telegraph lines destroyed also.

It has rained nearly all day and is very muddy. We shall stay here but a short time - probably will go to ~~the State~~ under McClellan in a few days. I will write you every few days, but do not expect that you will get all my letters. I have not received any letters since we left Camp Butler, which is two weeks ago today. I want you all to write and write often, for I want to hear from my friends, and you at home especially. Send me papers - 11th Well, I did not finish this letter last night but will try to do, so now (morning). I just finished washing dishes and am sitting by a dish box writing on a trunk which belongs to one of the boys.

Mother, I wish that you could have hold of my pants this morning for the need mending I tell you. But Hank misses Mother and Sisters and has to mend his own clothes - so the world goes and I am content with a soldier's fare. I would like to hear from the boys who went to war from Genessee. Do you hear anything from them? How does all the school marns prosper. You can tell them that Hank is all right. You may give ~~them~~ my regards to them and all other friends. I will be at home in a few days when the war is over - it is over, etc. May prosperity attend you all and long life be yours. God grant that we may meet again and enjoy peace together once more but this may never be in this world, hence the necessity of our making preparation to meet in another and a far brighter world. Dear parents, do try to meet me there. You must please excuse me for I have not time to write any more but will write you in a few days again. Write soon and direct via Martinsburg, Va. Be sure to put the 12th Illinois Cavalry, Company "G" on the envelope in full so that it will not go to some other Regiment in place of this.

Your sons,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

Father and Mother

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A picture of our Commander in Chief.

Martinsburg, Va.

July 20th, 1862

Friends at Home:

Your kind letters are safely here and I hasten a reply to them all in general. I was glad to hear that you were all well and enjoying yourselves so well. I am well and never was any healthier in my short life. I shall send you my picture when I get my pay so that I can get it taken. It is about all that we soldiers can do, to mail our letters, let alone getting pictures taken now. The Col. says that we will get our pay next week. I hope so for I never wanted money so bad in my life. I shall send the most of it to you by express to Lanark. I will write and let you know when I send it. I hope that you will have no trouble in getting your harvesting done. You may depend on me for money to pay outting. Try to get someone to cut it just as you can bind it up, and I do not think it best for you to change work with anyone. If the boys can work out any after you are done, it would be well for them to do so; but see that your own grain is harvested and then it will be time to work for someone else. You must not forget that Hank is all right and promises to come to see his friends after the war is over. Give my regards to all inquiring friends and tell them that Hank says he will fight hard should a chance present itself. We boys begin to think that we are approaching the enemy as we heard the roar of the cannon ^{begin} before yesterday. The battle is said to have taken place at Strawsburg about forty miles from here. We could hear very distinctly the report of the cannon. ^{Ben's} Banks and Siegel it is said commanded our troops and drove the Rebel Jackson until they got him in such quarters as to take prisoners the most of his Army, which I hope is true. I have one thing for you to do without fail and do it soon. I want you to send Nelson with a dollar to Mt. Carroll and pay the editors of the paper for me. Now, don't forget to do so soon as you may send it by mail and another thing I don't want you to let Hathaway sue you on that note if you possibly can help it. And do not go in debt any more but try to pay all your debts this fall. Remember that we are going to have hard times and then use the rest of the money to your own purposes. If you can get a change to sell Old Nick, let him ^{at a good price} for all of me and use the money to pay debts. Now, don't go in debt but pay all you owe now. Hard times are coming. You must try and do the best you can without Hank for I do not expect to be at home for sometime yet. I shall write to you often and I want you to do the same. With many regards, I am, very truly yours,

Hank
Martinsburg, Va.
12th Ills. Cav. Company "C".

You may send me some postage stamps. All write soon and often. When Ben hears from Grum I want her to give me his address that I can write to him and tell me what the boys write back home so that I will know something about them. Tell me all about the crops and don't forget to give me the particulars. When you get the Mt. Carroll papers, I want you to send them on to me and direct them the same as letters I owe Grum seven or eight dollars and I owe Sheriff Landon \$7.00, which I want you to pay as soon as I send you the money and don't forget to pay them for it is due them long enough. I want you to try to pay all that I owe so that there will be no gumbling at me.

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Tell me all the news about school marns, etc
be getting it soon.

(Signed)

My Friends, No pay yet but think will
W. H. Redman

Martinsburg, Va.

July 25th, 1862

Dear Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters:

You all will please excuse me for addressing you all; for I want time to do otherwise. I have received all of your letters and I tell you they were gladly received. Be assured that all you write to me is interesting though you think it but little consequence; I am all right; and never had my health better in my life. You would hardly know me, I am so fleshy and have such a "big" Mus-tash! I shall send you my picture at the earliest convenience. Our occupation now is principally Scouting and going out as picket. We bring in a Secesh Band nearly every day. Yesterday we caught an old Secesher with a Rebel Flag about seven or eight miles from here in the mountains. I was out Scouting all day yesterday and until twelve o'clock last night.

I have a good horse and good arms, have a Sabre, Carbine and a Revolver, and can shoot eighteen times per minute. The Carbine is loaded at the breech and a person can load and shoot it thirteen times per minute. Our Colonel is commander of and the Revolver I can shoot about eighteen times. We sometimes go scouting to forty miles square, Martinsburg being in the center. Major General Pope the distance of forty miles from Camp and is gone several days. Major General Pope has issued a Proclamation, declaring that the Citizens shall feed and support the Soldiers of his Command while scouting, and passing through the country. Hence we carry no rations, but then being so we just call on the citizens. You people of Ills. know nothing about the hardships of this war. What would you think if forty or fifty men would call on you for dinner and feed for horses every day or two? I fancy that you would think it very hard.

A part of our Company stopped yesterday at an old Quakers for dinner and horse - feed. He was very kind and said that he is willing to give us anything we wished, if he could, but that he knew very well if the Rebel Jackson should ever get back into this Valley that he will be a rained man. He gave us bread, butter and milk for our dinner and oats for our horses. It is likely that we shall remain encamped for sometime as this is to be a regular Military post and will be fortified soon. Major General Wood was here days before yesterday and inspected the troops here. He is a gray-headed-old man and is the first Major General I have seen. I saw General Sigel at Hogkington, Illinois, but he is Brigadier General. General Sigel is now somewhere Harper's Ferry and Major General Worn (?) makes his headquarters at Baltimore. Turn back to next page (a scarcity of paper and stamps).

Ed. you wish to know about my Latin books. I do not owe Oneal anything and wish you to get my books if he has them. I think that they are at home. Ed I want you to look up all my books. Miss Oneal has my Higher Algebra. Get it home if possible. Wooley promised to pay Miss Black forty cents I owe her. I want you to see that she gets it if Wooley don't pay it and that Miss Drake gets that \$1.00 I borrowed of her. Wooley may have my Latin books. You ask how I spent the Fourth? Well, I paraded the streets of Wheeling with this Regiment and enjoyed myself quite well, think I could have enjoyed myself better though had I been as you wished "at home". Oh! yes, I suppose that you did have a good time. Al. I have to say GO it while you are young but, girls, do hush beware what kind of company you keep. Remember the old saying that "a person is known by the company they keep". I must bid you all Good Bye. Do write soon and give me particulars about harvesting, etc
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Martinsburg, Va.

August 3rd, 1862.

Dear Friends:

It being Sunday and having a little spare time I thought that I could not improve a few minutes better than in writing to you. I am well and hope these few lines may find you all the same. I suppose that you are harvesting nowadays. I should like to be with you to help put up the grain but I cannot and must be content to stay where I am and write you. The weather is pleasant and all goes well in camp. No exciting news just now. I believe the most that interests us just now in the way of news, is the draft in Illinois. When you write, I want you to tell me all about the draft and what is being done at Genesee. Who wants to enlist now and who are going to stand the draft? I hope that every young man who is not married will be drafted. They have no excuse to be found in the lurch at such a time as this and when they are needed so bad down here. Why do they stay and still hold back? Is it because of cowardice, or is it because they do not want to leave home? Certainly they all had an excuse when I enlisted for it did appear then that their service was needed, but now the whole country calls and begs of them to enlist and help put down this Rebellion and still they will not come to our aid. The Lord knows it is high time an end was put to these troubles. Why not come out as a united people and push this war to the very gates of southern homes? There is no need of thinking about enjoyment at home in the north while such a war is being carried on in our land. The Gray, or Bell, for more troops at this momentous time of the war is imperative and should receive as welcome response from every loyal citizen of the north. The south are turning out to fight man and are meeting us in "en masse" and why not meet them boldly and avenge the wrong already done. God know, our cause it is just and we have the means to punish traitors. Now let us do it and save all future posterity from the gulf of ruin. The Signs of the Times are dark, but then there is always a dark hour before daybreak; hence let us live and fight in hopes if we are beaten in disaster. To continue the war is entirely useless, or to permit it to continue, rather.

Now, these are my sentiments and ought to be every loyal man's sentiments. I don't care who he is or where he lives. I say a traitor ought to die and more especially a northern traitor. I do ask of you at home never, for my sake, do you bestow any favors to those who hint Secesh principles and for the respect of your friends in the Army, don't ever recognize one in company. Don't ever tell a traitor that I am a friend to him. Ah, I would rather count the friendship of a dog. Well, I was really glad to hear that you enjoyed the fair so well, Em; and wish that Jane and I could have been there. What did all those old schoolmates say about Hank. I am glad you have found my books, but I want you to see Oneals and learn what the trouble was about the rent. I do not owe them a red and I want you to get my H. Algebra from Hat O'neal. Pay Hat all she claims and when he sure to tell her that I said that I do not owe her a red cent. If you can pay the principals some, do so. I would like to have them paid. Have you heard from them? Yes, I received those papers but not the stamps. I have not heard from Crowe for many months, but once since I left home. You cannot send me anything that would be of any use to me here. I have my Testament. I had it in my pocket. Yes, Jane, I intend to give traitors, whenever a change is offered, "Bloxum". Well, Jane, you can put up without going to the fair when I do not get to go any place, not even to church at all. This is a very lonesome place when a person once thinks of how he might be enjoying himself at home. But I can endure all these privations till the war is over. You must write to me soon and tell me all the news again. Em, you better try to get a school. Try to get a warm school house and not too many scholars. Give my love to all inquiring friends, remembering that I acknowledge no traitors as friends. Well, Girls, live true Christians and die for Heaven and I will by the Grace of God meet you there. It is very hard to live a Christian life here but I will "do right". I am your affectionate brother,
Write soon
P. J. and S. E. Redman
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Your True Brother,

Hank

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Always remember, if I should be so unfortunate as never to see you again that Hank has not only an interest in your present prosperity but desires and hopes for your future welfare. It will be expected of you to make honorable and respectable men of yourselves for it is known that you possess not only the ability but are being tutored by honest parents. Thank God that such is the case! I ^{now to thank my} parents that they ever taught me that h o n e s t y is the best policy and you will too at some future time when all the restraint of home and friends are taken from you. But all I have to say more is; to always do right and you will never do wrong. You must take good care of your crops and be sure to put up hay enough to do you through the coming winter. In your grain is money and unless you take good care of it, your profits will be small. Be saving and always do your work in Season. Harvest is nearly over here. A great deal of the wheat will never be cut as the owners are off in the Rebel Army. The people about here are nearly all Secesh and what Union folks are here, their property has been mostly destroyed by the Rebels. Many Union houses have been made desolate, and their farms are untilld.

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Camp near Martinsburg, Va.
August 5th, 1862

Dear Sister Jennie:

I am just in receipt of your most welcome letter which bears date of July 20th. I am glad to hear that you are all well and enjoying yourselves. I am enjoying the same blessings. Yesterday we moved our tents about two miles and are now in camp one mile east of town instead of one mile west. Our camp is a very nice one. We have good water and plenty to eat. I enjoy soldiering better here than in Camp Butlers. A cool breeze is generally stirring and everything seems to go well.

Jane, I wish you could see me. I am so fleshy and so tanned up I look nearly as black as some nigger-wenchies, I now see cooking about a rod from me. O, they are lovely, I tell you. But then they can't come is with Hank you know. Our Company is divided into five squads and four of the squads have hired four ~~women~~ wenchies to cook for them; but Hank don't hire nigger wenchies to cook for his squad. No, nary-time will he do that but will cook himself first, and by the way, I can cook some. All goes well with me, Jane, I hope so with you all. Love to all and don't forget to write soon and often. As ever your Bro.

(Signed)
Send me the Mt Carroll

Hank
paper, etc.

Miss Jennie Redman

Dearest Bro. t Samma:

I gladly write you a letter, ~~but I cannot.~~ and would like to see you you are well and going to school. That is right, you must go to school and be a good boy. You must study your lessons well and try to grow up to be a good, noble man. I am glad to hear that you learn so fast, and study so good. You must try to see how well you can learn to read and see how good a boy you can be at school. I am coming home someday to see you and I shall ask you to read and spell for me. I am down south to fight the Rebels and you must be a good boy while I am gone. From your brother,
(Signed) Henry

Dear Sister Louisa,

Your brother Hank is all right and would like to see you. I am coming home sometime to see you and all the rest of my brothers and sisters. I wonder if you and Samma won't be married before I come home. Now, Louisa, I want you to write to me; so I can see how well you can write and how well you can spell. I want you and Samma to tell me who comes to see the girls and who the boys buggy-ride around. Tell me all about the school and how far you have got in your Reader. If any of the school-marns come to our house, kiss them for me, or let Samma do it. Nelson or Markle are too bashful to kiss them or I would tell them to do it. Tell the School-marns that Hank is all right and is doing his duty to his Country. You must be a good girl and you and Samma must write me a great long letter soon. I am your loving brother,
(Signed) Hank

P. S. Nelson and Markle, you must give the harvesting fits. Do it up in a hurry. Do your work good and be saving of your grain. Remember you must work while the sign is good. All is well.
(Signed) W. H. Redman

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Camp near Paw Paw, Va.

August 18th, 1862.

Dear Mother:

In haste I drop you a few lines in order to banish all apprehensions that you may have in your mind in regard to me. I am very well today. Was some sick yesterday but think my illness was caused by eating some trash the day before. The health of our boys is not so good as it has been for sometime past. At least, the Doctors have more to do than usual. Probably the most of the sickness is caused by eating so many different kinds of fruit which are now ripening through the country.

As regards the enemy, he does not harm us yet. He skulks in the mountains and does nothing in this region except in the way of guerilla warfare. By reference to the map you will easily determine our situation on the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. We came here on Wednesday last, came on the car. Will probably remain here for a week or two and then return to Martinsburg. The railroad was threatened by a band of Guerillas which is encamped fifteen miles south of here in the mountains and the part of our Regiment, (three hundred in number) was ordered here to guard it. Soldiering goes well as long as we have good tents to live in and plenty to eat; but when we are ordered out on such an expedition as this and have nothing to eat except hard crackers, coffee and salt meat, and have to sleep out in the cool night air on the ground, it is not very pleasant, as you will judge. In daytime it is very warm and in the night it is very cold. I cannot conceive what makes it so. Ah! Mother, a soldier's life is a hard - life yet we are all willing to endure these hardships and privations if this rebellion only can be brought to a speedy termination. McClellan has abandoned his position on the James River and has fallen back to Williamsburg. We do not think that this indicates a speedy close of the war. Well, I hope you are done harvesting and have finished threshing. You must not think that you are having hard times for you do not know anything about hard times in Illinois. Farmers here know what hard times are but remember that Hank says to be careful about going in debt. I tell you, this war is not over and harder times are coming. Farewell for this time and write soon,

Affectionately,
(Signed) W. H. Redman

Love to all. Tell the boys to be careful about the grain and to put up lots of hay for use. Fix up stables and do all their work up in order. Keep a plenty of grain for your own use. W. H. R.

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August 28th, 1862

Dear Brothers:

I am in receipt of your welcome and hasten an answer. I am well and hope that these few lines will find you the same. I am glad to hear that you were getting along so well with your work; but you do not say anything about making hay. Have you made all your hay; if not, you ought to see to it immediately. It is to your interest to cut all the grass on the farm and to be very saving of all the crops. These are war-times and I assure you that harder times are coming and it becomes us all to be saving and look out for number one. You must do up your fall plowing so that you will be ready when spring comes again to sow your grain. Fix up your stables stout and warm. Cover the granary another thickness so that the wheat will not get wet. Save your Seed-Wheat & Seed-Corn and do not forget to save enough of both. Be saving of the apples and do not let anything be wasted on the farm. Now I do not wish you to work because it interests me only, for it does not, but I want you to work for your own interests. Remember, boys, that you are doing for yourselves and that every dime you spend you are spending your own money. Every dollar counts one nowadays. I am saving of my money here merely because I think you need it at home. I do not spend any money except to pay postage. I would like to see you all very much but cannot. I shall stay in the Army until peace is declared - let the time be long or short, unless something should happen more than I know of now.

You must not wish me back home but write to me often and when you write, always tell me all the particulars. Give the names of those gone to war since I came away and where they are now. All about the school wars, etc. I must bid you good-bye, boys. Markle how would you like to come where Hank is and be a soldier? Nelson, you could not stand the hardships but Markle can. Markle tell me whether you want to come or not and if Mother will let you come, you can get \$15.00 per month. Good-bye Brothers, Affectionately,

W. H. Redman

Direct to Martinsburg, Va.

12th Ills. Cav. Company "C"

Write often

Dear Mother:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and to learn of good health at home. My health has been good for sometime. We are pretty actively engaged, scouting through the mountains just now and consequently I do not have much time to write. We are encamped here without any camp equipage. I have no ink or pen with me, hence my pencilling. We catch some Guerrillas nearly every day. I helped to take twelve on the night of the 27th inst. Yesterday we caught three; and today we are resting, will probably go out scouting again this evening. These mountains are very tough and very thinly inhabited. Farmers generally are wealthy and have plenty of fruit of all kinds. We live partly off of the Citizens. When out scouting, we call for grub and the women get it without hesitation and sometimes we get the best of virtual. Our rations that Uncle Sam furnishes us are substantial and good enough for a Soldier, yet we have no conveniences to cook them and, consequently, they do not do us as much good as in the old camp at Martinsburg. We are now camped about ten rods from the Potomac River, which is a very nice stream. We are in bathing nearly all the time that we are in camp, unless it be in the night time. The cars run within 30 feet from where my horse stands. Trains are passing hourly loaded with Soldiers from Ohio and Penn. The train was attached by a band of Guerrillas near Winchester on Sunday last. I have been at Winchester once. 5 prisoners were taken and the whole train burned up. I cannot tell you anything about our future movements. It is impossible to tell anything about what we shall have to do. A great many orders are issued and countermanded. At least, all goes well with us thus far. Mother, what do you think of letting Markle come along with me? He can get \$15.00 per month and learn more than in school. I will see to his welfare and will have him dated back to the first of this month so that he can get all the bounties and advantage of an enlistment then. Probably Woolley will come here. OVER

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These are hard times and money is money and it becomes us all to be economising. Not to go in debt and get across as best we can. I think that I can send you some money soon. I have four months' pay due me. Mother, be careful about going in debt at the stores. You better pay as you go. Please write soon. With much respect,

W. H. R.

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Excuse mistakes. I will write the girls soon. Please give me particulars about debts all of them. Tell the girls to write, please and write often.

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"	Frank M Young	"
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"	Henry Brown	"
"	James Quinn	"
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Green Castle, Franklin County, Penna

September 16th, 1862

Dear Friends at Home:

By the mercy of God I am again where I can write to you and I may say that I am well, yet am nearly worn out by the fatigue of the labor through which I have passed since the 7th of this month. On that day we had a sharp brush with the enemy near Winchester and whipped them completely. We were kept on picket duty till the 12th and early in the morning of that day we were compelled to evacuate at Martinsburg and go to Harpers Ferry. We left Martinsburg in such a hurry that we were compelled to burn nearly everything that we had to prevent its falling into the hands of the Rebels. I was on picket guard four miles from Camp and knew nothing of the evacuation at Camp until everything was put together in a pile to burn. Consequently everything I had was burned up. All my miniatures, books, letters and extra clothes were consumed by the flames, hence I have no change of clothes now. We stayed at Harpers Ferry two days. On the morning of the 15th the enemy commenced to shell us out and we were under a constant fire from their batteries all that day. When night came on all hostilities ceased and we rested upon our arms until morning. This was Sunday and the cannonading commenced early in the morning and continued all day. In the P. M. it became very evident that we were entirely surrounded for shells were being poured in upon us from every side. I tell you we began to smell powder and things looked rather gloomy for us. At night -fall General White told our Colonel and the Colonel of the 8th N York Cavalry that they might take their men and cut our way through the lines of the enemy. We started and came through without being damaged very much by the enemy. We only had one horse shot by the enemy's picket. We were shelled as we came through their lines and we had quite a little battle yesterday morning (Monday morning) but not one of our men was killed. We captured from the enemy 72 wagons with five mules to each wagon and the wagons were loaded with ammunition and commissary stores. During all this time we had nothing to eat except hard crackers and pork. Well, in short we had had quite a hard time. We arrived in this place about 10 A. M. yesterday and have been treated well ever since we came in here and so we shall live well if we stay a month. Altho they are loyal here.

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Battlefield, Md.

September 21st, 1862 A.M.

Dear Sisters:

Amidst great confusion I write this morning. We are now very truly on the field of action. Within the last twenty-four hours I have seen and heard over a hundred thousand soldiers pass by our encampment, and we are now in the heart of McClellan's Army. All goes well with me up to this hour. I am very much fatigued, and our Co. is resting today. Last night we had been on duty and had hardly had time to get off of our horses a minute, let alone getting anything to eat for forty-eight hours. Day before yesterday I had just finished writing Miss L.K.R. a letter, not more than one-half hour when we were called into action.

Our Cavalry had been held in reserve, but then we rushed forward to meet the enemy. We were warmly received with both bullet and shell. But one man of our Company was killed and none wounded. My horse was shot with three bullets. One went through his shoulders and lodged in my saddle. Another hit him in his right side and the other in his nose. I came off of the field on the dead man's horse. The man that was killed was H. Thomas. He lived near the Jordan School House on the road to Sterling. Please inform the folks who live on his farm close to Sweeney's farm. I have not seen any boys here except our Reg't. that I knew. I cannot tell what we shall do in the future, probably stay with McClellan's Army. We are in the First Division of Cavalry.

You must write often and soon. Give my regards to all and receive much love yourselves,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

P. S. Tell Father that I don't want him to forget to pay Sheriff Loudon seven dollars and to the editors Mirror one dollar. Satisfy For the Watch. Do the best you can with the debts and I will send you money as soon as I can. Direct Company "G", Ills. Cavalry 5th Division Cav. General McClellan's Army.

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Field of Action near Clear Springs, Maryland

Friday September 27th, 1862.

Dear Brothers:

I have a little leisure time this morning and I thought that I could not put it to any better use than in writing you a few lines. As yet, I am well; and we are having a little easier time just now than usual. The tide of battle has, for the moment, subsided and we soldiers are having another rest. Our encampment is now scattered along the banks of the Potomac doing picket duty. The Rebels occupy one side of the river and we the other. We often talk across to each other. I do not think it will be long until we make another advance upon Virginia soil. We were for several days kept in rear of the army but now we have been moved to the front. I do not care where they keep us - whether in front or rear as long as Uncle Sam gives us enough to eat and good horses to ride. We are ready and willing to do him service anywhere. We have become so accustomed to sleeping out of doors that all we need to insure us a good night's sleep is to have a blanket tarpap around our bodies and our saddles to lay our heads on. We have no tents but hope to get some soon and it will be much better then. I have me another overcoat and you may tell Father to use that one at home. I got this one at Harper's Ferry and it is a very large good one, just like that one at home. I will make Father a present of that one at home. This will last me until the war is over and then I never want to see one again.

Well, boys, I suppose that you are having good times - that is right. Hank will have good times someday too. I hope this war will end soon and I get to see you again. You boys must fix up your fall work, do all your fall plowing soon, save your seed corn, take care of all your small grain, build up your stables, make them warm, save plenty of hay and be ready to commence picking corn early. I think that you can get it all into the cribs before snow comes. Do up your work as men should do and don't forget to do it yourselves and not call on Father to do so much. After you get your work done, then go to school and by all means don't forget what you are going there for. Remember it is "to study" and make men of yourselves. It will require a great deal of self exertion on your part to make yourselves useful in the world. Ah! boys, if you would be useful men, you must make good use of your school day life and not let a moment of early life go to waste. All the boys that were taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry have gone home - about twenty of our Company were taken and we now have but sixty-one men in the Company and 332 men in our Regiment. The 8th Illinois Cavalry has but 600 men. Well, boys, I must close. Give my love to all the folks and love to all the schoolmarm's. Don't forget to write to me soon and tell me all the news. I have need some postage stamps. I have received no letters from you for a long time. Direct by way of Clear Springs, 12th Illinois Cavalry, Company "G", 5th Division of McClellan's Army.

As ever,

Your affectionate brother,

(Signed) W. H. Redman

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