Sep 1th 1863

Detroit Baray

Dear Father now having

got in camp I thought

I would let you know

how i got along we went

to Detroit on the 3 Oclock

train in the morning

and then we got to the

mustrin ofice at 10 Oclock

we got our breakfast before

went to muster we had

to wait till 3 oclock in

the after noon before we

wear examined then their

was not but 2 throwed

out it was preacher

Furgason and that little

Segar boy or rather the

one that worked their

their was 9 cowed out

after they got their

the excuse was that they

enlisted to go in the

enjeneers and they could

not get in so they said

they would not go in

the cavelry all the rest

but then fell in with

the cavelry that boy

that was to [daebe?] they

think that he will

get in but they

are gon to detroit

for to try again for

he wants to go so bad

we shal no this after

noon their is a captain

fron the 11 he sais

that the prospect is fair

for a furlow we shall

leave fer jack this after

noon or saturday and

and then we will get a furlow

from their we shall

get one saturday or the

first of the week or

not a tall it is all

guess work Stone and

my self logdges to

geather I catched an

awful hard cold the night

i staid in adrian it

gives me some head ahe

other ways i am all

right having good old

times raising all sorts

of fun I have come

a crost Isreal

Mapes he is a geting

along very well

my close and my Bounty

I will wait ~~it~~ till

I see wheather I am a

coming home or not

if not i will express

the to Adrian my close

is with [dent?] [flemings?]

and we shall keep it

till we go to jackson

any how and then if

we dont come we will

send it our bounty

we dident draw hear

we wont till we get

to jackson then we shal

draw 82 [or?] and i will

express it if we dont

come home the prospect

is fair of our [earning?]

dont write till you hear

fron me W Teachout

Jackson

September 4th 1864

Camp Draft Jackson

Dear Father now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend i thought

I would wright to you

and let you know

whear we was now

we are in camp at

Jackson all well right

and tight I have got

over my cold and

like soldering first

best better than I

expected so far we

have run a crost hank

more and some others

since we have ben

hear he is well and

tough Mat Payne is

to work in the sutters

shop hear in camp

So we see him evry

day we got hear last

night it was sahturday

night we dont know

how long we shal

stay hear but we think

all this month if we

do we shall bee at

home but the boys

think that if some of

the folks of some

will come out after our

clothes and bounty and

take it home they

would reward him well

if you can leave

come out hear next

wednesday or thursday the

one that is the most

convenient for you if you

can come if you cant

come wright rite away

and then we will know

if we get furlows to

come home i think we

shal get them buy

tuesday or wenesday

night if you come

come the most direct

ride to Jackson so if

we come home we may

meat you

Wright as soon you

get this

Direct to

~~Webster Teachout Camp~~

~~Draft Jackson~~

P.S. Direct to

Mr Webster Teachout

Jackson Barrias

Camp Draft Jackson

Mich

you need not

wright to me

till further

infurmation

for I shall have

hear sooner

than I thought

we should

and tell Jane

not to answer

the one I wrote

to her till she

hears when to

direct

~~[?]~~ tell her

right away

before she

wrights

W Teachout

Mr. Webster Teachout Co. A 11th Mich

Cavelry Lexington Ky

that is the direction

Lexington Kentucky

Sep 11th 1864

Dear father now having

arived to our regiment

I thought it a good time

to wright you a few lines

and let you know how

we get a long I am well

and tough as ever we

got to camp yester day

about 4 oclock just about

on

one mild South of Lexingt^

it is a very fine camp

on a nice of ground in

a grove of maple and

blackwalnut their is

a very heavy tirf over

it so a rain dont make

it muddy the most

of the regiment is off

on a scout they went

after John morgan but

he was killed before they

got whear he was so they

are movving some forage

from burnsides point to

some other place i have

forgot the place but

they are a garding trains

they wont be back under

10 or 12 days the rest of

the boys sais their

is hank cale hear in

camp he is the only one

that I know and I cant

get in company H what

I wanted to go in but

I have got In company

A the boys sais that

is a good Company so

about half of the Rome

boys has gon in that

and the rest was lucky

enough to get in Co.

fied

H but I am well satis^

with my place I like

soldiering first rait so

far and i shal all the

time if i can have my

health Eugene is tough

they say and with the

regiment there is one

in our company what

is sick is that is Fomiy

Stoddard Ed Stoddards

brother he is in the

Lexington hospital

I dont now what the

matter is yet I haint

heard did you get

my money that I

r

sent by cha^les Woodam

their was 190 Dollars in

the invelope I did not

open it but that was

what their should have

also go buy

ben and  ~~alsa~~^

Mr Palmer and my watch

did you get that my

pance and coat is out

to Jackson I let mat

Payne take them before

I knew that they was

a going to send home a

box he will bring them

when he comes down that

way in the course of to

three

or [~~?~~]^ weaks we shal send

a box from hear before long

and I shal send some things in

it if I have had any leters come

since I have ben gone male them

and send them along wright

just as son as you get this I

want to hear from home

you may direct to me

Lexington Ky

September 13th 1864

Dear Father now having

a few leasure monents

to spend I thought I

would wright and let

you know how i get

along soldiering I am

well and like it better

than I thought I should

and if i have my health

it will better than 4 years

of schooling to me I

haint seen a home sick

hour yet the boys are

all well except Alfonzo

Stoddard and he is a

getting better than he

~~may~~ was and the surgeon

Sais he will get along

if he is careful of him

self wright som and

let me know wheather

you get all my bounty

straight or not and

how you get along with

your work and wheather

you have sold my buggy

or not if you haint

sold it you get a new

set of wheals on it and

help it with cut

you can get $125 just

as it is have you got

all the wheat sowed

and have you Sold

eather team yet and

have you hired any one

yet and wright how

all the folks in rome

get along and wright

and let me know

how grand mother gets

along I shall wright

to lucy as soon as

I can get time but

the rigement being of

it makes the rest husel

around an gard and such

like the talk is now

that we are ordered to

cincinnati till after lection

and if that is the case

we shal quarter their

fer the winter if we dont

go their they think we shal

quarter hear eather place

will suit me I wrote

to you sunday before

this when we first

got down hear and

probly you have got that

before now Old John

Morgans hardly went through

hear last Sunday with

2 ball holes through it

so he wont bother us

no more the first might

I staid at Lexington it

was in a his house it

was a very large house and

was a very fine one when it

was his but Since the war

broke out it has gone to ruin

very fast I have first come

off from drill we had

a very good drill we drill

2 hours in the fourmoor 2 in

the after noon so we drill

4 hours in a day no more at

present I remain as ever your son

W Teachout C. A 11th Michigan Cavelry

Lexington Ky

Lexington October 17th 1864

Dear Father now having

just returned from a heard

march I now sit down and

let you know how I liked

it we went down in to

vergina to the saltworks called

Kings Saltworks we was

just 2 weaks a going and

two weaks coming back

we was gon just one month

from lexington we went to

mount stirling which was 2 days

travel then to hazel green which

took us too days more then

to forestens burg which was 2

days more travel then we

took 5 days rations and

started into the mountains

whear we had to go around

hills which you [~~?~~]

could not see the tips of

and then we would go up

one whear we would haft

to git of our horses and go

a foot up them they was so

steap and all the road their

was was just a path

like a cow path that was

the kind of a road we

traveled for 7 days and out

of them 7 we fought our

way 5 days the other to we

only skirmished a little we

got to the Saltworks on

Sunday 2 weaks a go yester-

-day we fought only half day

their for we see we had

not for ee enough to take

it so we retreated after

fighting half day of heard

fighting we charged up a hill

that was all covered with

briers and behind evry brier

their laid a rebel a shooting

at us but the boys went up

and drove them of but

they had heavy renforcements

and we could not hold it

so we retreated from/it we

whiped them very had what

time we did fight them

we lived 15 days on 5 days

rations so you can see

what kind of a time we

had but for all that I

had a good time and

growed fat all the time

my health was never better

than at present I am

so fat that my eyes

are almost shut the

boys are all well and

right If you can send

me a pair of good buxkin

gloves I wish you would

that is all that I want

Direct as before to

Lexington Ky

present my officers names

of my company is the first

lieutenant name is Ashley

Second mason cournel Brown

but I am detaled at head

quarters now and I have it

very nice I have ben hear

ever since we left on this

raid the head quarter carlnel

name is ~~ratliffe~~ Ratliffe

agutent general of the

fourth brigade he is the

one that I am acting under

now all I haft to do is

to carry orders from one

place to another and take

care of my horse and the

Cornals I had a good

horse when I started on

this rade but he is

prety well used up now

right soon W Teachout

Nov 5th 1864

Dear Father now having

just received a letter from you

and finding that you was all

[~~?~~] well I was glad to hear that

I can say the same buy my

self and the rest of the boys

as far as I know of them

we are having prety hard times

at present it comenced raining

the first day of this month

and has rained ever since

till about midnight last night

it Stoped and cleared up

then and it is so cold

that the boys suffer with

cold and they are all wet

and all the blankets are wet

also they mooved camp

down to Mount Stirling

they started the day it

P S Direct

W Teachout

Co L 11th Mich

Cavelry Lexington Ky

comenced raining and it

is 93 they always

make to days march of it

so they was out 2 days then

after they got their they was

ordered all over a company

in a place till after

election to keep things

strait I think there is

no doubt but what

Old Abe will be elected

buy a heavy majority it

seems to bee the opinion

of the soldiers they have

a march down every day

nt

some whear in the regime^

they will get a talking

about politics and get

e

mad then they will hav^

a fight over it Stone

is detailed from his company

as mail carrier he has to go

and get the mail down

town twice a day rain

or shine and also has the

old chaplains horse to take

care of I had rather bee

a high private than to

bee detailed out on eny

duty most for it will bee

when the company sees you

es

how are you waitor he mak^

a good niggar and so it

goes but the captain and

Cornal that I was detail for

tried to get me back but

the carnol of the 11 went

to the general and made

out a petition and got

it signed buy the general

for all detailed men in

his regiment to bee sent

to their companies for

duty so that called me

you rote me that you was

a going to send me a box

and a number was a going to

send in it we are now at

Mount Stirling but probly will go

back to Lexington after lection &

put up for winter quarters

I wrote home for you to send

me 20 or 25 Dollars if you haint

sent it I wish you would as

soon as you can for I want

some money I haint got eny

scarcelly and send it imediatly

if posible for I shant draw

pay this pay day wright

and tell me what kind of

a mass meating you had

in Adrian and how big

a peroud how dose the wheat

look this fall in Michigan

as a general run and how

is that peace that I plowed

on the corners I am glad that

cowin is going to moove in

the red house thhis winter

and work the farm how is

that little colts foal did it

ever leave any sear or bunch

whear he cut it in the mower

no more at present I remain as ever your Son W Teachout

November 2th 1864

Dear father now having a

few leasure moments to

spend I thought I would

wright to you and let

you know how we get along

I am well and hope you

the same the boys are all

well as far as I know

they have divied the new

recruits all up into all

of the companies and their

e

are not hardly to in the sam^

company they have changed and

put me in Co L and I dont

know what companies the rest

is in they haint none of the

rest of the boys but me in

Co L the rest of the regiment

has gon to mount Stirling and

their they are sent all around

to keep the rebs cool through

lection there is a quite a stir

down hear about election

the boys some will hurrah

for little much and their

will bee another that will

hurrah for Abe and the little

mack man will say that he

can whip any Lincoln man

and they well tell him his

chance is good and like as

not they will go at it

and have a regular nock down

there is just such caces to

or three times a day some

days they have sent me to my

company for the reason cornal

brown sent in a petition to

cornal ratliff to send all

of his ordlies to their comp

anies so they sent me to

my company and I got their

and they said they had trans

fured me to to co L so I am

in Co L there is a good lot

of boys their but they are

all strangers to me almost

the things you sent to

me buy hank Cole he

brought through and gave

me all right and they

came very excepitible and

now buy my being ditailed

away from my company so

and coming back so late

I shal bee thrown out of my

[~~?~~] pay this pay day and

I am almost out of

money and I want you

to send me twenty or

twenty five Dollars put

it right into a letter

and put it in big bills

as you can and I want

you to send it just as

soon as you can after you

get this letter be shure and

hurry it through for I haint

had only what I I took from

home with me yet and I

have got 25 cents lefft enough

to get my washing done this

next weak I shant draw

my pay untill almost to

months then I shall draw

three months wages then I

shal have money a plenty

you neadent send me any

box yet a while for I dont

know whear we are a going

to put up for winter when

I find out I will wright

and have you send me one

wright sooner than you

do and a good deal oftene

-r than you have yet

for I want to hear from

you oftener Pleas Direct

as before only put L whear

A was Direct Mr Webster Teachout

Co L 11th Mich

I remain as ever Cavelry Lexington

your son Ky

W Teachout

November 10th 1864

Dear father now having a

few moments to spend

I take the pen in hand

to let you know I get

along I am well and hope

these few lines will find

you the same the boys

are all well as far as

I know I got a letter

from you saying that

you was a going to take

a box to town the next

day the [~~?~~] probility is that

it is to Lexington now

and we are moun Stirling

now and dont know how

long we shal stay their

but they have a team

gon to Lexington from

co A and if you directed

it to co A it will come

in when they come back

and if not I shal send

after it the first chance

I get and then I will

wright rite away and let

you know how the things

come through I will see

that each one of the boys

get their own things if

each ones are marked

Election went for old Abe

About 950 majority in Lexing

ton I dont know how our

regiment went for they

was not but to hole comp

anies hear and a fiew of

Some of the other companies

what they was hear went

50 for mack 150 for old

Abe and I think that is

about the way it will

run all the way through

the regiment the place which

we are now at mount Stirling

went a little majority for

mack I dont now exactly

how much but not over

95 majority after 4 oclock

election day they let them

have whisky and a more

drunken Set you never

saw in your life and

they was all mack men to

it rained all day like evry

thing election day and for

that matter it has rained

for the last 10 days evry

day but one and that was

cloudy and I wet and then

dry and then wet again

we have lots of fun and

some awful hard times

I have seen the time I

should like to have got

our hay pen for to slept

in it would have kept

me dry and out of the

mud I have slept whear

the water has run under

me and wet every rag of

clothes I had on me so

I could get up in the

morning and ring the

watter right out of then

just so you had taken

them rite out of a wa

sh tub that is soldiers

life but I never saw

the day I regreted that

I enlisted yet I have seen

a great deal and am a going

to see a great deal more

have you sent that money

yet if you haint put it

in a letter and send it

right along the sooner the

beter 25 Dollars put it in

as large bills as fesible

it will come safe in

a letter for the boys

send all their money

in that way and all they get

from home comes in

letters I remain as ever your son

W Teachout respectfuly yours W Teach

after this pleas direct to

Mr Webster Teachout Co L 11th

Michigan Cavelry Lexington

Ky

instead of co A for I belong to Co L now

November 21 1864

Dear father now having a

fiew leasure moments to spend

I will wright you a fiew lines

to let you know that I

was just starting out on a

raid they say we are a going

to have a very hard raid in to

tennasee I now that we are

a going to have a hard

tine for it is prety cold

and we have to lay out

just as it hapens it has snowed

hear to day most all day but

not so hard as but so it

melted bout as fast as it fell

it is prety cold and prety rough

weather I shal bee glad when

we get into winter quarters

the mud is just about six

inches deap and such a time

a marching you never saw

it is slap slap all the time

I have but a fiew moments

to wright I am well and all

the rest of the boys also I now

sit om a couple of rails and

betwean to fires and I am getinv

g

geting cold and I guess I will

quit now buy biding you

good night

I remain as ever your

son W Teachout

November 12th 1864

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

I take my pen in hand

to rite and let you know

we are all well and

enjoying our selves the

best kind I just got

that box this morning

evry thing came through

safe as far as I know

of Stone and Eugene

and mine was all right

I should think buy the

looks of Willeys and

Charleys that they are all

right they are both out

on a scout and I shal

haft to keep theirs till

[Written upside down at top]

plias direct to Webster Teachout

Ky

co L 11th Michigan cavelry ^Lexington

I have ben changed from A to L

800

18

00

they get back Stones

can of apple butter the

top of the can bursted

of and lost some of it

but not much it made

sort of nasty work in

the box was the most

other ways from that it

was all right Sulvester

Boney has ben down

hear and seen us and

Some of the boys was

Saying they saw him

in mount Stirling this

morning and he said

a

th ~~ea~~^t he was not going

home untill monday he

was a democrat when he

started from home and

now he sais his views

on politics is very much

changed he seemed to

think that if he had a

chance to vote that he

should not vote for old

Abe for he said his papers

always preached up that

the soldier had got to vote

just as the oficers saw

fit to have them or

other wise had to vote

under the fedril bayonets

he said he came through

louisville and down to

Lexington on election day

and he said each party

had just as fair a chance

to vote as ever he saw

and then he came down

to mount Stirling and

he said the democrats

said their that they

never had a fairrer election

in the world and that

he said changed his views

he will go home a diffrent

man I hope Lieutenant

Sturns of co ~~H~~ H has

resigned and they give

him a dishonerable discharge

it makes him feel a little

down in the mouth and

I should think it would

eny one he is hear yet

I dont know how long

e

he is a going to stay befor^

he goes home hee boys

in his company sais he

is the worst coperhead they

eaer saw they almost threten

shoting him some times

we have not got into winter quar

ters yet but we are in hopes to

before long for it is geting some

cold and it has rained for the

last to weaks most evry day

I remain as ever your son W Teachout

Lexington Ky

January 4th 1865

Dear father now just

having returned of from

a raid I take my pen

in hand to inform you

that I am all right and

tough as ever we have

had a very hard raid

and accomplished a great

deal we have swept evry

thing that was before us

we got the salt this

time and gave the rebs

the pepper before they

give us the pepper and

kept the salt we took

the salt works with only

half days fighting and it

took us one day and a

half to brake and to

destroy the place we broke

most three thousand

bottles up so they could

not use them again and

we burnt the buildings

and filled up the wells

and tore up evry thing

that ~~that~~ we could find

we tore up about to

hundread milds of rail

road and burnt eight

locomotives and trains

all laded with sonthing

some with provisions

some with amunitions some

with arms some with

salt and all other

things clothing with

the rest evy quantity

of it we took a place

called arlington one called

bristal one call Marion

we had a day and a

half fighting at mayrien

and some prety hard fight

ting the money that you

Sent me is all right and

came the handiest of eny

thing that I could have

had for I had my satch

-el stole and evry thing in

it while I was on the

raid all of those clothes

that you sent me was

stole except one pair

Socks and one Shirt

the rest was stole I had

one pair of these gloves

with me the other pair

was stole the buxkin

gloves was the ones that

was stole the one took

them is the one that

we left in charge of

the company while we

was gon all the satchels

and trunks but the caps

was broke open and the

things taken out and sold

for what ever he could

get for them after we

had ben gon three weaks

he with some others

was sent to folow the

regiment and went to

a place called crab orch

-ard and was ordered to stop

their and they are their

now when they come

back to camp he will

git a trial and probly

it will send him an

the forttifications for

Six month or more

at hard labor diging

and throwing up forts

and such like Wright

as Soon as you receive this

I remain as ever your

Son Webster Teachout

Lexington Ky

January 5th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure nnoments

I will wright you a fiew

lines and let you know

that I am well and enjoying

my self well the rome

boys are all well and that is

in camp their is C

Rider W Bond G Ayers

W Hovel P Russel they

have mot came off from

the raid we don’t know whare

they be It may be that

some of them are captured

they was not all to geather

I dont think they are all

captured but I shouldent

bee surprised if some of

them was captured I don’t

know what ones they [~~me~~] bee

this month and the boys

can send their money home

buy you fetch my watch if

you come ore if you can send it

close write soon from your

Son W Teachout

the Lieutenant of co a sais

he thinks George Aayers and

William Hovel is taken

prisonerr he said the last

he said then he was at

a fire three days march

from the Salt works

and then the whole comand

was past them and if

the comand got past them

they probely got taken

prisoners these boys

that are behind was all

dismounted at the salt

works my horse was

stole from me at the

salt works When we started

for lexington I footed

it three days and to

nights and my feet I

had frose going to the

salt works and they be

gon to get sore and

I got tired of walking

So I up and plaid the

same trick on some

body that was plaid

an me I stole one from

the 11th Kentuckey that

was whear I think mine

went but I dont know

it for surtain but enaw

-ay I got a great deal beter

one than I let go the

one that I got fetched

me back and is now

the best horse in the

whole company While

siting hear on a hard

bick box writing on

the company [~~?~~] card book

I received a letter from

you and was glad to

hear from you and hear

that you was all well

that money you sent

me I got all right

without eny trouble

and it came very handy

I spent my Christmas Eve

and also the day on my

horse and New Years the

same New on the pike

Rodes their was good

Sleighing and the pike

is most evry rode fore all

the main roetes in Kentuckey

is paved or rather codamised

and just as nice as the

pavement in the city of

Adrian About our staying

l

in Lexington I think we sha^

go into winter quarters now

and stay untill spring and

if you can spend time to

come down and see us

come a head you never

will bee sorry for you

will see some of the nice

ist country you ever saw

and also you will see some

military with all the/rest

If you can spend time come

down the last of this month

we are a going to get pay

Mt Sturling Ky

January 11th 1865

Dear father now/having a

fiew leasure moments to

spend I thought I would

wright and let you know

that we had moved camp

down whear we ware before

we went on the raid I

think we will Stay hear all

the rest of the winter the

thing looks so now the

rigiment that was hear on

guard duty is relieved and

we are to take their place

the oficers have sent after A

tents for us to stay in

and they will be hear

prety soon when they

come and we get them

down we will bee all right

we expect to get our

pay now evry day and

I wish that you or some

of the rest of the rome

folks could hapen down

hear and take it home

for us their will bee coming

to me 64 dollars enaway and

maby more I don’t know

wheather we get 4 months

or 5 months pay if we

get 5 months pay I shal

have 80 Dollars and I

had rather send it buy

some one I knew from

rome than to express it

we shal get our pay between

now and the 20 if we get

it this month if you come

come so as to get hear

buy the 20 of this month

and I guess you will get

some mony to take

home with you William

Hoad and George Ayers has

not come in yet off from

the raid I think they must

ben taken prisoners or shot

buy the bushwhackers the

last that was hurd from

them they was standing by

a fire this side of the

Salt works those to and

4 others then in a little

while we hurd that the

rebs had taken 6 of our

Straglers prisoners standing

by a fire and we think

those to boys was to

of them that was taken

prisoners wheather they ware

shot or not we don’t know

What is Uncle Isaiah doing buying

cattle and hogs did he buy

this fall much as eaer

and has he maid eny

money on them or not

beaf and porke is prety high

down hear a good yoke of

4 years old Stears is worth 200

Dollars pork 14 pur hundread

Sheep alive 6 and 4 Dollars a

hundred If you come down

ore eny one else from that

may fetch or send my

watch along if you will

try and not forget it

how dose wheat look in

our town this winter

dose that corner peace

look so their was going to

bee eny wheat or not

and how dose the Sumerfaler

look I Should Judge buy

what Snow we haave had

down hear that you must

had considerable their

No more at present wright

Soon and often from your

Son Webster Teachout

Mt Sturling

January 14th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend I take my pen

in hand to let you

know that I am well

and hoping this to

find you the same

we are having prety

cold weather hear now

and no conveniences for

keeping warm as we ought

to have we are expecting

a tents evry day but

dont know how soon

they will come if we

get them and our pay

which we expect then

we can live like cittens

but we can get along

just as we have for

a time past Eugene is

well and tough as ever

and sends his best respects

to you all Stone is in

the hospital as nurce that

is a place that would

not suit me but it

just suits him Willey Bond

is in the hospital he

catched cold and setled on

his lungs and he has

chill and feaver evry

day he is not very sick

yet and am inhopes he

wont bee Charles Rider is

well and tough as ever

you wanted to know

wheather I liked Co ~~A~~

L as I did Co A

yes I dont know but I

do eny of the companies

is good enough after

you once get a cuaint

-ed with them We have got

a prety good captain in

co L his name is .W.K.

Jordan he is prety easy

with the boys and lets

them do just about as

they are a mind to

William Hoad & George

Ayers I think mist bee

prisoners fer they have

not yet come in and

if they had not got

d

Snatched up they woul^

have got in before this

time I am sorry for the-

ir wives if you see Levi

Stephens you tell him

what it is the prospe-

ct is that george is a

prisoner and he can tell

his wife I dont think

that their has eny body

riten to his wife for I

dont think they know whare

to direct to hur and if

you tell levi Stephens

he will know whear she

is and tell hur or wright

to hur Ralph Taylor has

wrote to hoads wife and

let hur know about

Willian William Cammel

old cammels Son that

lived in bateses house

he is dead he died while

I was on the raid him

and Will kood and Ayers

is the only three but

what is all right that

went in our squad when

I did when you wright

right and let me know

wheather your are a coming

down or not I should

d

like to have you come it woul^

pay you from your son W Teachout

Mt Sturling Ky

January 24th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

I thought I would answer

your letter it found

me well and hope that

this will find you

the same we still stay

at mount Sturling and

the prospect is that our

company will Stay hear

all the rest of the winter

our company has mooved

up to the fort to support

the battery some of the

companies has mooved

to a place called Fleming

burg and some to a

we got to months pay the

1 [~~?~~] day of this month I have

used most of it geting

things that I wanted I shal

not send eny thing home

place called Owens ville

they are sending the

companies round so as

to Scout the country

they are gurilies Scouting

all around us and

robing the country of

horses all they can find

you wanted to now wheather

I went into the battles

or the last raid I was

in evry battle and on

all the Skirmish lines

that was formed while

I was gon I was in

a prety tight place for

forghty hours the rebs

was on thre sides of

us we was in a brige

holding it So the rebs

could not get it and

burn it the rebs would

d

Shout and the balls woul^

would go whisling over our

heads and their was three

or 4 Shot and to killed

and to wounded it was

a kind of a tickelish pla-

ce and they would not let

us Shoot a shot for they

did not want [~~us~~] them to

no how strong we was

in the bridge for if

they had known it they

would shelled the bridge

all to pieces but I came

out all sound right

and tight Mother when

they send that box

pleas bake to or three

chickens and put it

in the box Father you

had better come down hear

if yoy can and see the

company and country

for it will pay you

to see the country if

it dont to see the company

which we have down hear

if you are a country wright

and let me know and

if ~~the~~ you haint let me

know the horses what

went on the raid their

a

was out of eight hundre^d

their was not over 200

come back I dont believe

We dont hear nothing more

about William Hood nor

George Ayers we cant

get no track of them

after we left them at that

fire I dont think of

eny thing more at

present I remain as ever

your friend

and son W Teachout

& Wilaeme Teachout

Mt Sterling

Febuary 8th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend I thought I

would wright you a fiew

lines to let you now

that I continue tough

and well and hope

these fiew lines will

find you the Same

Charls Rider is geting

better Willey Bond is

gaining fast Denton

Fleming is no better

than he was when

you was hear but

I am in hopes that

he will get along for

all of that the rest

of the boys are all well

their was four of our

boys last night got

furlows and started

for home this morning

they went of feeling

well you had better

believe did you get

those photograph at

Lexington if you did

I wish that you would

Send me one of them

also Send me yours

and mothers send one

at a time in a letter

then I will get them

wright and let me

know how Uncle Ise

and Uncle Channaey got

along with their draw

of cattle and wheather

they made eny money

or not or did they

loose on the lot

I wish you wourd

send me a news paper

now and then so we

will know what is

going on in Michigan

Send the Expositor

or eny of these papers

the new york Tribun

if you take it is

good enough has

Geerge A Bond heard from

Frank get if he has

let me know whear

to wright to him

I have lost the Directions

So I dont know whear

to wright to him

I dont think of any

thing more this time

[prisee?] is ~~talkt~~ takked

of prety strong down

hear I remain as ever

your son W Teachout

Mount Stirling Ky

January 18th 1865

Dear father now having a

litle leasure time I will

wright you a fiew lines

to let you know that I

continue well and hope you

the same we are pickiting

and doing probase duty

in mount Stirling and the

prospect is that we will

stay all winter we have

duty just about evry other

day so it keeps us prety

busy the boys expect their

pay to day if they do

their will bee probase duty

plenty to do then for their

is some that will go down

their and get drunk and

rais cain in general and

that is strictly forbiden

the pay master came in

day before yesterday and

I think that we will get

our pay to day but

they say that we haint

a going to get only to

months pay which if we

got the full amount we

should have four months

pay I shal send some

home but if we only get

to I shal not send eny

for I shal haft to get a stove

to put in my tent and

get some other things what

I want and it will use

some of it and I want to

keep some buy me you spoke

of some of your coming down

I should like to have you

come I think that it would

pay you well to see the

country Edward could do your

chores while you was gon

if he couldent get Mr Cowin

to help him while you

was gon and come if you

can the sooner the better

Mother I wish you would

bake up a bout a dozen

mince pies and to or three

loves of bread and some

frid cakes and a sausage

or so and send down to

me also a piece of cheas if

you have got it and a fiew

pounds of butter also a

piece of dried beaf would

go very well and a fiew

apples to fill up if it dont

fill with out if some of

the rest of the neighbors want

to send put it togeather

but put a good suply

of fried cakes and cookeys

and bread and pies in

and a good role of butter

Send a good big boxfull so

it will last a good while

for a kind of a lunch when

hungry Father send my watch

if you have eny chance I

want a watch when on

duty so as to see how

long I am on Father if

you come down come right

away and if you send me

a box send it right away

if you dont right and let

me know soon as you

receive it from your

Son W Teachout

Direct the box to me to

Mount Sturling and dont put

in with eny the rest of the

neighbors for they are a going

to divide up the regiment

and station us at diffirent

points up Kentuckey and we

may not be togeather sure could

get it come just the same I shant

bee a great ways of the stage is

going to run right whear we are

r

wright soon from you^

Son

W Teachout

Remember Me

Mount Sterling Ky

Feb 7th 1865

Dear mother now having a

fiew leasure moments to

Spend I will try and

your kind better which

I received last Saturday

and was glad to hear that

you was well and enjoy

ing your Self I am

well and enjoying my

Self as well as ever

tough as a brick and

twise as gritty when

old abe went back and

no sette ment but althouv

gh

I think they will come

to turms yet in a corse

of time you cant bury

them if you should

try I think that in

less than Six months

they will come to some

conclusion at least I

hope so Father I think

enjoyed his visit first

trot I enjoyed mine

well and so did the

rest of the rome boys

Charles Rider is geting

better and Willey Bond

has got smart so he

is going to his compav

ny

wednesday Denton Fleming

has ben prety sick since

father went home

but he is on the

gain now and will

get along if he is

care full I think all

the rest of the rome

boys is well they

gurilies took all the

horses out of the

half way house betw

een pariee and mount

Sterling and the stage

was in sight and seen

them and they turned

the stage and put

for ~~S~~ Sturling and

reported their and

the old Cornal sent

out 4 or 5 companies

after them and we

haint hurd from then

yet I think they will

catch them if they

haint prety sharp

their was about 20

of them they thought

it is is a geting late

and I must close buy

giving my best respects

to all inquireing friends

I remain as ever your

Son W Teachout

to my mother M Teachout

Mt Sterling Ky

Febuary 10th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend I thought I would

Wright and let you know

how I get a long I am

well and hope these fiew

lines will find you the

same and was glad to

hear that youg got home

all right and found things

sound and was glad you

enjoyed your visit so

well the boys are all well

except Dent Willey is well

and gon to his Company

Charles Rider is prety well

but he haint tough yet

Dent has ben prety sick

but is better now and

I am in hopes that he

may get along Strong

al

still stays at the hospit^

the regiment sent out

4 companies the other

day after the gurilies that

I spoke of in my last

letter the ones that took the

stage horses between paris

and Mt Sterling they got

six of them and one of

them ofers to turn states

evidence against the rest

if they would liberate him

also tell them whear the

rest staid and said that

they had over 5,000 Dollars

worth of property secreated

and if they will protect

him he will go and show

them wheare their is still

more besides that and I

guess that they will liberate

him but they dont know

how far to trust these

gurilies they are a going

to shoot the rest of them

they wont show them no

quarters Mr Shaw sais that

is all right the way you

disposed of his money

and wishes you to do

the best you can with

the note and sais that

you shal be well ~~reward~~

rewarded for it when he

gits home if he ever

does tell Mother that a box

such as I sent for wouldent

not come a mis for we

live on government rations

entirely except a little milk

which we git once an a while

we still stay at the fort

whear we was when you

was hear it is prety cold

hear but not as cold as it

was when you was hear

there is more snow than

their was when you was hear

I dont think of eny more

at present so I will

close From your son

W Teachout to a

Father Welcome Teachout

Webster Teachout

Co L 11th Michigan

Cavelry Lexington Ky

Mt Sterling Ky

Febuary 14th 1865

Dear father now having a

fiew leasure moments to

spend I thought I would

wright you a fiew lines

to let you know that

I am well right and

tight and hope those

fiew lines will find

you the same the rest

of the rome boys is

well except Dent and he

is gaining fast and will

get along if he is careful

William Bond is so he

is runing all round

Charles Rider he is all

right now all the

companies is gon some

whear I haint learnt

whear Co C and Co P

and Co G that is all

that is left down on

the old camp ground

our company is right

whear they was and

I hope they will stay

whear they are untill

Spring Mr Shaw has

received a letter from

Mr Sturns about that

note Mr Sturns acknowledgv

es

the note and sais that

he will pay the note

to you Mr Shaw wants

you to give the note to

Mr Palmer and have

him caled it just

as you and him

talked of for he dont

want you to give

him an inch for fear

he will take on ell

Mr Shaw has brought

the letter what he

received from Mr Sturnv

s

and he wants me to

send it to you and

wants you to keep it

so if their is eny

dificulty about the note

he will have the letter

to show that he

has acknoledged the

note if he pais it

he wants you to have

the money untill he

calls for it and he

will pay you for all

trouble their was prety

good nuse hear last

knight they said that

augusta and the auguta

and richmond railroad

was out all to weecs also

they was evacuating Charles

-ton if that is so it

looks so they was skedad

eling I dont think of

eny more news at present

I remain as ever your

son W Teachout

give those Photographs to

ho you are a min to

except one give that to

Jill Kimball and one to

Jane if she wants it

I want you to send me

one of them also yours

and mothers send them

as soon as you can as ever

your son W Teachout to a father

Mt Sterling K.y

Febuary 15th 1865

Dear father now having a

fiew leasure moments to

spend I thought I would

wright you a fiew lines

and let you know that

I am well and enjoying my

self first rait and hope

these fiew lines will find

you the same I have just

heard from william Hoad

and george Ayers they are

in liby prison well both

of them they rote to

the lieutenant of their

company which is co A

and the Lieutenants name

is Ashley perhaps you

have heard of it before

you receive this although

it is well enough to put

it in what is the reason

you dont wright I have

received only one letter

from you since you left

me in Ky and I have

riten not less than fore

home since you left I

want you to wright oftener

if convenient we have

to stand picket evry

other day now and it

makes some work for us

the regiments is all of

on a scout but three

or four companies and

those have all the duty to

do and it brings us on

evry other day but we are

good for that they have

mooved their camp from

whear it was up whear

we are by the fort they

mooved to day and mud

to their nees Dent is gaining

fast Willy is helping in

the hospital charly rider

is all right and so is

all the rest of the Rome

boys I want you to

send those photographs

which I sent after of

yours and mothers and

my self send them

the first oportunity

how dose the draft

come off in rome does

it make them squirm

or do they rase their

men without a draft

wright and let me know

ho hast to go and wright

and let me know wheather

George A Bond had hurd

from frank yet or not

and wheather he is well or

not I dont think of eny

more at present right often

it is now midnight and

I will close I remain as

ever your son W Teachout

to a father Welcome Teachout

Rome Center

Lenawee Co Mich

Webster Teachout

Co L 11th Michigan

Cavelry Mt Sterling

K.Y

Louisville Ky

March 5th 1865

Dear father now having a

fiew leasure moments to spend

I thought I would wright

you a fiew lines to let

you know that I am well

and hope these fiew lines

will find you the same

the boys are all well and

tough most of the Rome

boys have gon to Nashville

Tenn we expect to go evry

day we dont know how

long we shal stay their

probly not long they went

on the river and we are

going buy railroad it

will take them about a

weak to go buy water and

only about 48 hours buy

rail we drawed our horses

last night and the prospect

is we will leave right off

we drawed our pay last

Saturday and I expressed

Sixty Dollars to you

buy Adams Express company

I have got the receit and

if you cant get it with

out it right and I will

send the receit buy male

to you you will haft

to pay the expressage

on it when you take it

out for I forgot to pay

it I was in such a hury

but it will come through

just the same also I

sent you a box of things

about the time Aunt

Lidy went home from

hear and wright and let

me know wheather you

got it or not I have

got me a damed ugly

horse but he is just as

nice as you can find

weigh just 10 hundred

dark sorrel fat as a seal

none of the rest would

not take him for he was

so ugly they could not

bridle him but I took

him this morning and

put a bridle on him

and rode him all around

camp he is a splended

riding horse but it is

a hard job to bridle

him but I guess I can

bring him to it after a

while I Shal probly get

a chance to see some of

the boys that I know when

I get to Nashville Pri Carpenter

is their and a boy of their

his name is Walice Chafey

the chafee down to marge

town Mr Shaw sais that

he is glad that you

done as you did with

Mr Sturns and wants to

know wheather you made

him pay the cost or not

what you made in geting

it no more at present

wright soon and often

I remain as ever your

son W Teachout to his

father Welcome Teachout Rome Mich

May the 5th 1865

Athins State of Georga

Dear father now having an

oportunity to write to you I will

improve the time and inform you

that I am well and hope these

fiew lines will find you the

same we are still on the march and

whear we are going to now is

more that I can tell but I think

to Missipi the report is hear now

that Lee and Johnson has surendered

all the states and this part of the

country east of the chaladocha river

to out forces and the report is

that General lee is killed but probly

you have heard all this before now

I have passed through some considerable

of country since we started on this

saw some very nice country and som

very rough country I passed buy the

bald mountain the highest peak

in the blue rain and was prety near

Mr Webster Teachout

Co L 11 Michigan Cavelry

Knoxville Tenna

the top of it I had a view of a

very nice landscape it was worth

North

seeing that was in ^ ~~south~~ carolina

then we passed through into South

Carlina and their we came to a

mountain called Seayor head their

we had still nicer landscape than

before we could see just as far as

our nicked Eye would let us

right over the rest of the mountains

and valies oh it was a splendid

sight the nicest thing I ever saw

then we passed on through South

Carolina so on into Georga this

is more of a levil state that

part whear I have ben their corn

and eaten is just up nice and

all the gardings are nice as can bee

gardin sauce and things are plenty hear

w

now I picked all the ripe sta^buries

and ait the first day of may that I

could eat that is sonthing that I never

done before corn has ben high enough

to cultivate for the past weak or

ten days we are having very fine

weather hear now and very warm

and dry so it makes it very

dusty traveling Old General Lear

and Johnsons army is disbandered

and sent home they come scattering

through our lines evry day they

dont pay no more tention to

them them they do so many hags

tell them to go home and stay

their and take care of their farms

and families and they say that

they will and never will fight

us again they have disbandened

all their forces but those in

Missipi and they had better do it

their I dont know wheather we are

going to go to Missipi now or

whear some thinks that we are

going to Chatanuga from hear

and some thinks not for my part

I dont care if they will fetel my

male to me and give me a chance

to send some back I keep just

as fat as ever and weigh 182 pou

nds all the rest of the Rome

boys are well and fat as cubs

all in good spirits thinks rebbion

is plaid all the disbadndened men

sais that it is all through with

I keep the same horse I started

with he is the only one that is

in our ~~count~~  company now all

the rest has plad out and is

left I have ben of from the

comand three and four dais at

a time hunting horses with him

run and gaded him around enough

to kill half a dozen but he is

prety well plaid now but I haint

afraid of being dismounted for the

boys steal from fifty to a hundread

horses a day and fetch into the

comand and them that has poor

horses takes them keep up good spirit

if you dont hear from me in a

good while again for I dont know how

long before you will hear from me again

I will rite just as soon as I can the

chance I have now in buy a conductor

of the railroad which runs to this place

he sais that he is going some whear in our

reckalect

lines with a flag of tince I dont ~~no~~^

whear but he said he could cary mail if I

wanted to rite I remain as ever you son W Teachout

Direct as before Knoxville Tenn

March 20th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments to

spend I thought I would

answer your kind letter

which I received to day and

was glad to hear that you

was all well I can say the

same buy my self and all

the rest of the boys except

Denton Flemings we had to

leave him in the hospital

at Knoxville he was prety

hard up when we left him

just got his photograph

and I will send it to

you and wish you would

put it in my album

for me and tell all

who inquires who it is

for he was a brave and

noble man I remain as ever

your son Webster Teachout

Please Direct to Knoxville Tenn

it seems to bee in his

side he has a heard

pane all the time in

his back and side I dont

know what the [?] ohters call

it we are now mooving

Slowly towarge the front

we moove just about

evry other day from 8 to

16 milds we moove just as

fast as they can repair the

railroad and there is some

12 to 15 hundread men

to work/on it all the

while we are on the Linch

burg railroad in Tennasee

the on that leads right

to the Salt ville we are

in General Thomas Comand

there is some 100 thousand

troops hear and at Straburg

plains which is only 16

milds from hear and

som at knoxville

they say that they are

going to moove and repair

the railroad untill they meat

the rebs they are reparing

one end and our folks

ar reparing the other

and their will bee a point

of meeting some whear and

see which has the best right

to it I received that photograph

also those postage stamps

which was in the letter

postage stamps are hard to

get down hear and also letters

are hard to mail hear for

there are no regular mail

runs we only get mail only

once in a weak or to

so if you dont hear

from me very often you

need not worry for I will

right just as often as I can

and I want you to right

to letters a weak and

I will asnswer all I can of

them tell all the rest of

the friends to right if they

dont hear from me have

you received that money

which I expressed to you

if not right and let me

know and if you have

do the same I sent you

Sixty Dollars 12=five Dollars

bills I rote to you that

I should send another

box from Knoxville but

I did not send it for

it would cost as much

to express them as they are

worth I wish that you

would send me James photograph

which is in my Album when

you right again I have got

out Lieutenant Cornal which

got shot on the first

Salt ville raid I have

March the 23th 1865

Dear Sister now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend I will right

you a fiew lines to let

you know that I am

well and all the rest of

the boys except Dent

we left him at Knox

ville I haint hurd from

hin since and I hope

thease fiew lines will

find you all well

I with the rest of the

combrland army aer

now moving to the

front as fast as we

can we are movig evry

day a little ways

Tell Father that I saw

Put Stinson he is

in the 10 michigan he

is well and tough he

nt

came our to our regime^

and he now clark Decker

and Eugene then he

inquired if they ware

ing one else from that

and they spoke of me

and he came and saw

me he called me buy

mam and I looked

him in the face and

asked him if his mane

was Stinson he said

it was you spoke

of my mony and

wanted to know if

I drawed eny having

I drawed 1 enstallment

BB JJ CS also 4 months

Wages

I sent sixty to you

you sed you had got

it all right that 10

dollars that I lent

I got and took it

and put five more

with it and bought

me a pair of cavelry

boots I tried to draw

a pair when we start

ed but they could not

draw none and so I

thought rather than

to get far feted I

had beter buy me some

you spoke and wanted

to know if I got

Emily Houlands letter

I did and have answered

it Uncle Miles also

rate me one I have

answered that also

you must right just

as often as you can and

I will do the same we

have got a mail rout

so we can get mail

but it is hard geting

it out so if you dont

hear from me you must

keep righting and dont

get discoureged if you can

git 15 Dollars for that

revolver sell it not

with out if you can

send me some paper

and envelopes do so

for I cant get them hear

the last letter I was

mailed the 16 of March

that I got from you

I got these postage stamps

all right I rate this in

a very great buy no more

at this time I remain as ever

your brother W Teachout

Strawbury Plains Tenn

June 1th 1865

Dear Father now having

just returned of from along

but a very pleasent raid

I take this oportunity to let

you know that I am well

right and tight and hope

these fiew lines will find

you the same all the

boys are well and tough

what was on the raid

I have not heard from

Dent Flemings yet we left

him at this place sick

old planters houses but

I was not lucky enough

to get eny thing right soon

and often I remain as ever

your Son W Teachout

all the boys are well and

tough probly you have heard

how they catched Jef Davis and others

~~herb~~ herb smith has surendered and

that makes thi s whole I believe

when we started out

but I am in hopes he

is at Knoxville well right

and tight I stood the

raid first trait never enjoyed

my self better my horse

stood me untill four or five

days march of Knoxville

then they told me that I

could go and traid horses

with eny one that I could

whear ever I could find

one So I went out with

a squad of fiteen or twenty

more and was gon three

days and we all came

in mountid in the

best of stile fetched

in to extry horses gave

one to the general one

to the brigade doctor

that left us all just

mounted but as son as

we got to a place called

moris town they stuck

that us an their shoulder

I was in hopes that I could

get mine to fetch home

with me well Father I

am inhopes that I can get

home and help you hay and

harvist this summer their

are a great meny reports

hear about our geting home

and I dont know how

true they are but if true

we will bee their in the

course of a month but you

must not make eny calculati

ons on me till I come

for there is nothing shure

I want you to get me

just as good a horse as

goes them roads als a

smart one gainst I get

home take some of my

money and pay for it

for a good hors I must

have I am sory that you

traded of the gray mair

for I wanted ~~one~~ for I am

glad that my wheat looks

good Some of the boys

has made their fortunes

on this raid but I was

not the lucky one I did not

mabe eny thing some of

the boys got track of old

Jefs gold and went for it

and got It they charged

Greenville South carolina and

broke open the bank and

their was a niger told them

that they had ben at ~~owk~~

work at the siler wall and

they had out a pile of gold

and silver so they went for

it and got it then company

m got a lot to another

place and co B a lot to another

place and more than half of the

boys got watches and gold of the

Sunday

Lenore Tenn June 4th ^ 1865

Dear father now having a fiew

leasure moments I will inform

you that I am well and hope

these fiew lines will find you

the same the rome boys are all

well and enjoying them selves well

Dent Flemings has got so he is

round and geting smart I have

not seen him but some of

the the boys has when we

passed through Knoxville William

Hood & George Ayers is at

Knoxville in camp Ralph Taylor

has ben and seen them they

are well we are in camp about

90 miles below Knoxville towarge

I don’t think of eny thing

more but don’t look for me

untill I come and I don’t

hardly think it will bee until

my time is up from your

son W. Teachout Rome

I haint received no paper from home nor envelopes I got six

Chatanage and they say that

we are a going to stay hear

a spell but dont know how

long and they say that all

the men that belong to our

regiment that is camped at

Knoxville is a coming in hear

to day I hope they will also they

say that we are a going to

turn over our horses hear

before we leave that is a camp

rumor we dont know wheather

it is so or not also they say

that our briggade is on their

way to be mustered out that

is a camp rumor that is a

float now the report is now

hear that their is a grand

review at Nashville the 15th

of this month of the army

of the Cumberland that is the

army which we are in what it

is for I dont now but I

am in hopes that I can get

me that sent mary sent that braselet no more at present

home and help you in the

haying and harvesting some

but I shall not bee half a

man for work when I first

get home and you must not

depend much on my healep

for there is not much prospect

of geting home untill my time

is out that is not only three

months hardly that Well

Father they have got a quite

a story round their about

me and Willey Bond haint

they I have heard of it

down hear and it ~~haint~~

has came just as strait as

need to be and it came from

Ralph Taylor and I haint

seen him sence I heard of

it but when I do see him

mo unto hin for he or I

will take a darned good

thrashing and I hardly think

it will be me if you haint

letters the last was dated the first of may it was

what it is I can tell you

he rote to his wife that

Willey Bond and myself was

just as bad off as Willey

Whitlow was and he had the

clap like thundir wal now

I think that is a prety good

joke on Will and myself and

not so much as it may bee

on ralph their is nothing in

it and I can get all the proof

of it that I want and if

I can get a good halt an

him as I want and think that

I can I will make it warm

for him he rote it to his

wife and she told Jane and Jane

told Deal Bond and she rote

to willey about it so it has

came prety strait I haint rote

to eny one else about it and I

want you to find out about

~~I~~ it and let me now if you please

Lenore Tenn

June 6th 1865

Dear father now having a

fiew leasure moments to spend

I thought I would answear your

kind letter which I received this

morning it was riten the 29 of

May I was glad to hear from

you but I dont get as meny

letters as I should like to from

you you must keep right on

riting if I do stop for I will

rite just as often as I can

when we are off on a raid

we cant rite only once in a

while but I ocupied evry chance

that I had off on this raid

that was only twice but

I am inhopes that their will

not bee no more raiding

done and that we wont haft

to go so long without hearing

from each other thatr is

a great many reports in camp

and they all seem to say

that the new recruits are to

bee mustered out or the

one years men rather their

is some to or three hundread

new recruits what has

just joined the regiment

yesterday all the boys what

was left bhind and all

the boys that was taken

prisoners on the Saltville

raid at the same time

that George Ayers and

William Hoad they both

came in and joined the

regiment they are all tough

and well so is all the

rest of the boys Dent is

got well and is prety tough

and fat George teld is

tough and well he has

been on old Gilams staff

most of this raid and has

had a prety easy time of it

and has had a chance to rite

sone ofteners than the rest

Well father I have just

moved camp about a mild

and put up a tent and

in doing so I raised three

large blisters on my hand

so you can see what kind

of a fit my hands will

bee for work when I get

home but I think that

I can soon break them

in at leas I can try

but at the time I get

home I want you to

get that bugy fixed

up and also the best

driving horse you can find

and I want a nice one to

one that can go right a

long it is just like this

we may bee home in to weaks

and we may not bee to home

in four months I cant

tell nothing about it but

I think if we come home

before our time is out that

we will go home within

to or three weaks and if

we dont come in that time

we wont bee their awhile

our time is up that is

my opinion of it only

but I have just as good a

one as eny bodies if it rite

no more at present rite soon

and often I remain as ever

your son W Teachout

Lenoor Tenn

June 8th 1865

Dear father now having

a fiew leasure moments

to spend I will wright

you a fiew lines to let

you know that I am

well and hope these

fiew lines will find you

the same all the boys are

well and tough well father

I dont know wheather I

shal get home buy the

fourth or not their are

some hopes of it but

not but little some

Seems to think

we will and others

think we wont I

am shure we dont

dont know but

live in hopes that

I may be shure and

have my bugy fixed

up and get me a

good horse to drive

are

before it we^ having

splended weather and

splended times down

hear have nothing to

do but to grase our

horses and that is

to let them loose in

the field and watch

them while they eat

I got that paper and

envelopes that you

sent me I got them

yesterday all right

no more at present

I remain as ever your

friend W Teachout ~~and~~

your son I ame now going

to the river to hear

a general mass now

and it is now nite