

Rolla Mosoma Oct the 18 1861

Dear Wife

I received your letter last night it was dated the 1 and mailed the 7th I was glad to hear from you but sorry to hear that you not well If I w[hole]t well I dont think that I would wa[hole] I hear that there has been a good deal of rain there there has not been much here it has been good weather most of the time there been two or three rainy days here it is not very cold weather yet I wrote on my last letter about the Ill boys leaving this place there caverl[hole] got into a Sk[stain] last Sunday morning and they killed 25 and took 24 of the Sesece Prisoners there was 31 of the boys that was wonded at the battle of Springfield here last tuesday night they was in sight of the battle there was one of our men killed and one wonded so that he died our men

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took 7 horses from them and several
guns there was about Six hundred
of the Sesec and there was only about
150 of our men this is all the news
of this kind I believe produce is very
high about here I will give you the prices
of some of the things Butter from 15 to 20cts
milk 10 per [hole] Eggs 15 per Doz apples from
30 cts to one do[hole]ar potatoes 40 to 50 there
is lots of people peddling all the time
Cheese is 15 cts per pound if you was here
with your cows you could make lots of money
selling milk but I expect that you
are a doing better where you are there
is several women here but it aint no
[hole]lace for a decent woman I tell
[hole]ou It is a pretty [stain]h place but it
is always the case where there is so many
men there is always some that is wild
there was an officer of the 36 Ill died
last night and he was put on the cars
this morning to be sent home
he was a Mason and this Regiment
was took out there the Masons was all

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Dressed with their little aprons on
It was quite a sight I wish that you
could of sen them I expect that thare
was more men than you ever saw at one
time they had two of the pretest flags that
I ever saw I expect th[hole] ould be
Interesting to you to know [hole]ow much we drill
we drill in the morning from half past 8
till half past 10 this is all we drill in
the forenoon in the afternoon we drill
from one till half past 2 this is
Company drill battallion Drill from
3 till half past 4 and then thare is
Dress Parade this is every night nigh[hole]
it generaly la[stain] 1/2 hour
you can se wht we have to do we don[hole]
have to work as hard here as we do at
home but it is harder than it is
at home you was a saing that you
was afraid that we would have to stay
the whole of our three years

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It may be that we will have to stay our
time out but I dont think that we will
have to stay that long I think that we
will be at home against next spring
If I have to stay three years I will so much
will do the Best I can for my country I hear
that george bask voted the Secisionest
ticket I a[hole]pes that this not so
I want you [hole]ll me all the knews
how you get a long with your things
tell how you get along with m[stain] grates
has he made your shoes yet how does he
get along with with the waggon
[stain]Mary to be a good girl and take
[stain] care of jim and charles it apears
[stain]you are getting lots of hogs but
[stain]that [stain]worth any thing
[stain]not herd wheather that money
ha[stain] got thare or not we herd that
the man that we sent it by has got home
the boys are all well I will have to
close for this time tell the folks that
we are well and in prety good spirts
good bye for this time rom George B Davis

To Mrs Catharine Davis write soon ["and often" is written along right margin]