

[Judging from the content of this letter it was probably written in 1861]  
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Dear Wife

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines  
to let you know how I get along I received your  
letter some time ago I wrote one to you  
But it got misplaced and I did not find in  
time to send it to you But I will try and make  
it up this time we was ordered from here to Springfield  
we only got about 20 miles on the road when the order  
was countermanded we are here now in Rolla right  
among all the Ballence of the soldiers there is  
no news of any importance here the cars came  
in to day for the first time for three or four days  
I wrote to you in my last letter of company F getting up  
a portion for their captain to Resign his office but  
he would not resign But it Done him lots of good he has  
Been the best kind to his boys ever since we dont  
want him to resign as long as he does as well as he  
does now, you wanted to know if I had any money  
I have a plenty of it now we got our pay about  
two weeks ago I sent you 20 Dollars by Lieutenant  
Ankney I expect it is there by this time you  
can get it going to Leonard if it  
is not there it will be before long, w[hole] sorry to  
hear that you had such a sore hand but that is  
all the good I can do for it we have got our uniform  
it is pretty nice our coats are short wasted they  
are what we call round about they are of a  
darkish Brown color our Pants are of a Sky Blue  
color we have not got our overcoats yet But they are  
ready for us we have not drawn our state uniform  
yet nor our State pay we drew 30 Dollars and 75cts  
Thirty Dollars in Scrip and 75 cts in Silver  
I kept ten Dollars there is not much stir  
here now Since we got back we are a looking

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for orders to go to Jeffison City this is camp  
apart[?] the 15 and 10 Illinois are a going and one  
Reg is all read go[stain] the Mason 7<sup>th</sup> hcapt[?]  
when we was gone thare thare is another  
regiment cone here I found one of Uncle cabes  
Spenc[hole] in the 15 Ill and I found a  
Nephew of mine in this regiment his name  
is William Dannes, I also found george Loyd  
I am a going to send my likeness in this  
you can see how a soldier looks you can see  
the Bayonet on one side out the cap Base on the  
other you cant see the catridge Base or it I did  
not a very good chance to get it taken it is the  
best I could do maby I will get it taken again  
After a while thare is know knowing when we were  
Have this place maby we will leave here to morrow  
And maby we wont leave here this winter no one  
Can tell I thare is a good many that  
Is a going home on furlow one of the Sterman boys  
Mr Lisher steward and two or three others they are  
Not well they wont let any one go home that is  
Not sickk I begin to think that this war will  
Last l[hole] I thought it wo[hole]d at first  
But it[hole]nd some time and then thare will  
Be a glouris old time, I guess that I will  
Close for this time I want you to write as soon  
As you get this and tell me wheather you have  
Got the money or not It may not get  
Thaer for a week But I think that it is all  
Right it will come in the course of time, I will  
Close for this, NB you can I[?] will? to george B Davis  
I sent my clothe to w[faded] in care of capt cummings  
they will be quieted to froat I sent Co F  
my old coat pants and spurt they are 4 Reg Iowa vol Rolla  
not much acount but they will rid coat Mo  
one mucheti send them and they will  
do no good deal of good if I ever get back thare Davis  
GB Davis to his wife Catharine