

Ans, Sep 5, 1875

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Fort Dodge Kansas
Aug. 21st 1875

Friend E. W.

To day finds me still amongst
the living, and enjoying myself finely, and making
a grand effort to acknowledge the receipt of your
welcome letter which came safe to hand yesterday
bearing date 15th inst. and was truly pleased to
hear from you again, and hoping in this may
reach you that you will be completely recovered from
your fatigued "spell" and are yourself again.
Well I cant promise you much of a scroll this time
for the same old Complaint continues to reign as in
other days nothing transpiring worthy of note, save
the rumor that the "pay Master" is soon to make his
appearance at this Post, and then for high times
for a few days, and no doubt that the Hotel, D. & B.
or in other words Guard House will be crowded to
its full extent and "A" Co. will no doubt be well
represented. I believe that there is a Circus
to be in town that is at Dodge City on the

23^d and I think I will have to attend I must
do something to pass time for about nine months now
I would like to be in a harvest field for a few
moments only. I will require some practice for
next season, that is if I do not follow my present
avocations for the future, and I do not think I
will if the Courts know herself. I am now devoting
the leisure times to Telegraphing, have bought me
an instrument and Battery and have a wire from
my apartment to the First Sgt. Room and from
there to the Company Commander quarters and he
has me attached to the main wire of the Union
Western Telegraph Co., and we have some great
times sending messages to and receiving them
and to make up with I am running a barber
shop and there I have plenty of time if you was
here and had a shop you could take in a few
stamps each pay day, and not have to work so
confoundedly hard in the harvest field. Still I like
farming as well as any other life, but I am
of the opinion that I will leave this country
as soon as convenient and may go to Mo. where
they raise a right smart sell a heap and have
a quantity left - I see by lat advices that there

has a large amount of rain fallen in many other
localities, and done great damage to the crops.
I hope that you will have a good time after you
get through harvesting, and mind not hope too high.
Oh yes by the way you want an explanation in
regards to my organization. I think you are
apt to misconstrue in this case do not know of any
such thing as hitching, altho I heard such rumors in
the Garrison and did not put much confidence in
them for, I think I ought to know something
about it myself, but that is a natural cause, you
for flying reports are too numerous to mention in
a Garrison like this were there Brother Loun Evers
dare to be well I have said enough for this time
and will soon close for this time hoping this may
find you in as good spirits as it leaves me
hoping to hear from you again soon as convenient
my regards to all and your self included I have
to close now as there is someone calling me over the
wire and must reply at once. I am as yours
Respectfully
Lusk

E. M. Dick Lusk

