



Camp on the Hill near  
Jefferson City Missouri

Wednesday morning May 21<sup>st</sup>  
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Friend Ed!

I now in haste  
take my pen in hand to write you a  
few lines to let you know I am still  
in the land of the living though not  
in the best of health. I have been quite  
unwell for two or three days so I am  
excused from duty. But I feel some  
better this morning. The most of the boys  
are in good health. I received your letter  
day before yesterday but I have not felt  
much like writing until this morning. We  
left Saint Louis last Thursday night  
about 10 o'clock on board the steamer  
E. L. McGill The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion consisting  
of Companies A G K & D came up on  
one boat and it made quite a load  
for one boat. We arrived here safe  
and sound Saturday about 1 o'clock

last there was six secesh shot a  
few miles from here they was burning  
a rail road bridge and it happened  
some of the Cavalry boys was watching  
for them and give them Jessie that  
whats the matter. We have very warm  
days here but the nights is cool enough  
to make it all up I have not got them  
papers yet I have not got a paper  
from home yet and I should like  
to see one first rate. But I must  
close for this time. Please to give  
my best respects to all of your folks  
and write soon as you get time.

Yours in haste J W Dick  
To Edgar M Dick

Direct to

Saint Louis Missouri

Co A 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. W. Vol. Coor.

in the afternoon Our horses came very safe and good, but some of them has been sick since we got here The 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion came in on Sunday and I understand Company B lost one man overboard coming up he jumped over himself. The 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion we expect in to day. I must tell you I was much disappointed when I come to see this place I thought I should see quite a place it being the Capital of the State but instead I find a place but a trifle larger than Chilton and not half the busness going on there is in Chilton I suppose it is owing to most of the men being in Pikes army There is plenty of secesh here if they dared to show it but they dare not say their corn is their own. Nor if we want any forage for our horses we just go out in the country and

the first corn crib we come to we march up to it and take a waggon load or two of it And to finish up with some of the boys just go in to the cellars and help themselves to all the apples they want It looks rather rough to me but I spose it is allright I do not like the country here half as well as I did around St Louis it is all hills here We are armed very well each man has a sword and a Belgian rifle and a six shooter, there is plenty of soldiers here mostly Cavalry and Artillery We are to leave here in the morning but where we are going is more than I can tell, And there is a batley of Artillery going with us I think we are going to Lexington but I can not say for certain. I heard that night before