

No.
Springfield, Camp I don't know June 1st 1862

Well Cousin Ab

Once again grab my pen
in my very powerful Pen to write you a few lines in regard
to myself and the rest of the boys also. I am enjoying good
health at present But Orlando Bro & Vate are not
very well not fit for Duty but the rest are in tolerable
good health and as for me I am getting to be as
Tough and Hardy as any one in our Company &
can live on anything even to these Mrs. Shingles some
call them Hard Crackers and I believe that they are
rightly named for they are hard enough But we are
going to have soft bread after this We have to begin to know
our share before we get up mornings to get enough of for
Breakfast We have to sharpen our teeth very little while
to keep them so we can eat the Crackers They are wet up
in water and Fried in the same We are not encamped
with the Battalion now we are encamped in the West
Edge of the City of Springfield and on a very pleasant
Camp Ground Our Company has it some easier since
we have become 1st Gen. Guard & Kohl is limping
and here with 6 or 8 big files on his saddle and
I am has got so he can run Mustangs ready.

It looks rather cloudy here today I guess that it is going to rain I don't care if it does we won't have to Drill if it was most all of the Company is gone out today with the horses a grazing so it is rather still here now There was quite an excitement raised in Camp Night before last caused by firing amongst the Pickets and Co. G. was called out but it proved to be a couple of Drunken Pickets firing on each other but neither one was sober enough to shoot straight We know nothing how long we shall stay here nor where we are going when we leave here but we expect to be with the General most of the time There is lots of Bush Whackers or in other words Guerrilla Bands here in this Country and it is going to be a good while before they are going to be cleaned out The country is not so broken around here as some part of the State is We have good water to use much better than we had in St Louis There is lots of Springs of very nice water here There is only one Battalion of our Regt here yet but we expect the other Battalions along pretty soon There is lots of good Orchards laying out to the commons here and fruit of all kinds Too Apples are pretty near as large as a hens eggs and Peaches full as large so we are going to have fruit here pretty soon and wheat is all headed out around here It is not safe for any one to travel a great ways from Camp without being pretty well armed -

There is lots of Secesh Prisoners here in the City
It's fun to see them marched around to their work
They are fat ragged and Warty fellows I don't know
as I can say much more and I am cannot write
much more nonsense I am sure I could not
write more nonsense if I try When you write
please write all of the Particulars and please
write as soon as convenient Remember me to
Grandmother and the rest of the folks
from your well wisher

Goren M. Johnson
to Miss Abba C. Fowler but I
suppose that it won't be much longer

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