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but I aint seen a handsome girl in
Madison yet. they are the homeliest lot of
Girls I ever seen, but hold on. I dont
mean to run the girls down, by no means.
Ed. when you write, just give me all the
news you can think of. I dont care if you
tell me who is married, and who wants
to get married, how is it, has them
Orphaned men come back yet, let me
know all about them. And about the
Boys down South, we heard Luther
was all cut to pieces, and his mother
was crazy, but its his my respects to
all that thinks enough to inquire about
me. I aint heard from home, only as the
Boys come from the Bay. Bro. Lock & LaPrairie
come through last they brought news from
Luther, that is the only I have heard from
home since I left, they told me, Henry was
going to the war, as a substitute for Philips.
I think he is very wild in thinking so, this all
for the present, my respects to you and all the family,
Orlando

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Camp Kendall
Oct 30th / 64
(Dear Brother,)

I now improve a
few moments in addressing
a few lines to you, hoping they will
find you and the rest of the family
enjoying good health. my health is
very good. O I am suffering with
cough now days, David Shelly and
Lowel Chaffle and my self are in
one Barrack together. there is a
102 men in with us, and they
are most all Germans. They make
me think of a flock of geese, some
times, all gabbling together. Lowel
is my bed fellow, we get enough
to eat and drink, but we dont
get very much bread & Coffee
& fresh Beef is our fodder now

days, and I can consume
my regulations every time.

You can bet, we don't have as good
living here as we did to the Bay, but
I shan't grumble, if I get as good a
Bear to eat, as we are getting now,
although some find good old fault
already, There is bout 3000 in Camp,
they are sending them South every
day, from one to 200 go every day,
and as many come in as there is
goes out generally, It has been rainy and
lowery here for 3 or 4 days back, which
you know make it very disagreeable
for Camp Life. I found quite a
number Boys in Camp, that I knowed
so we have good times generally.

Frank Everett & Hod Welch say
they are going Home next week, on
a bench, they say there is bout
200 go now on a bench. To morrow
is Muster day, and our Ordeley told

us this morning, all that was
absent with ^{the} leaf, was reported as
deserters after Muster day, but I know
ofore they won't report as a deserter, that's
what the matter. There is only 10 here from
Brother town, and every one has passed
examination, and ready to start for
Dixy any time. We don't know what Regt.
we'll be sent to, but we have our choir
in my Infantry Regt., all that's from
Brother town. Think of choosing the 5th.
but my mind ain't settled yet.
whether I go to the 5th or 19th. I spose
I musen't be too particular, for I'm not
my own boss now days. I don't know when
I'll start, nor when I'll get there, but if I
don't see any thing bigger then Elephant, I'll
get there in course of a week or so. Well Ed
I've been down Town 2 or 3 times, and went
all through the State House, seen the Cannon
that was captured by the 14th, at Pittsburg
Landings, also the Eagle that the 3^d Regt.
had with them three years.