

Monday May 9 1867
Covington Miss.

My dear father,

We arrived here in safety yesterday morning. All well & in fine spirits. Ovenshaw & the captain are rather fatter than when they left home. Both been well & well satisfied with their situation. They say the tent was a perfect Godsend to them. They also say that they know so many of their company that they dont feel as if they were so far from home. They seem to fit on finely with the rest of the company & I think are rather popular with it. As to eating they do well for their whole mess throws in & smokes their headman buy up butter honey &c. for them. I ate dinner with them yesterday

Send us a paper whenever you can - The evenings papers which you get when in town you could send. Dont forget to write a letter the boys to do so also. I am
B. H. Coffey

I got a fine dinner too,
I get on well with my
company also. Of course we had
a fine time coming on. The
captain (Davis) has paid me a
good deal of attention; for instance
we had to go up on box cars
from Atlanta to Tennessee. The
men were very much crowded too
but Capt. Davis quietly invited
me to come in the car (a better
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ficers. There I had plenty of room
to sleep & also I messed with
them all the journey. Our first
& third lieutenants were both at
Luskalovon with me. As I seem
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ficers are concerned. Chattanooga is
no better than Bally Hall represen-
ted. They charged one fellow
ten cents for washing his face.

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to me. There is one spring
which is slightly calicheate - not as
strong as Mr Gackow's. Our camp
is a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Crenshaw's & in-
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with exception of our com-
pany is all together. We are
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Seibels is getting very unpopular.
He curses every one who dont
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He made a Captain cry the other
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had a downright altercation
day before yesterday. He gave
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He told them all a day or two
since that he didnt come here
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pany cursed him much on whether
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patrick replied "yes they curse me
a great deal." Then says Seibels
you are a good officer for if you
are popular with them I presume
you are not worth a d - or."

Since writing the above I have been
drilled with my company for the first time
& am not well pleased with the result
for I am satisfied that I know more of the
drill than any officer of the company.
However the officers all are trying hard
to learn for they study hard each one
having a book.

Dunbar has just got here. He & Seibels
will fight I suppose before long unless
the col. gets more polite. There are 8000
men here. One lieutenant shot a private
the other day & the men shot him. One
man wrote to his mother in Ohio that
as soon as we got there he would desert
& join the North. The Po. Master see-
ing the direction of the letter broke it
open & sent it to the commanding
officer. The fellow was taken up
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It is thought we will soon move up to Uniontown which I learn is twenty miles from Cairo. So far our labors are not a twentieth as hard as the Harpers Ferry work was. We are better fixed every way. My mess has put at its head a fellow who was an overseer who seems to be a man of fine sense - is certainly

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quite industrious & understands fixing up generally & corking in particular to perfection. Charley Howard also has along a negro who waits on our mess. We have seven in the mess besides the negro.

I hope these details won't tire you out. I give them to you because I suppose you would like to hear them.

By mistake I brought off my keys. I gave them to Aunt Sarah who promised to send them to you by letter. Ino Rives is sick & several others of his company complaining. Write as soon as you can. Excuse pencil I will be able to borrow ink long enough to direct & that is all. Good bye.

Your son
Billie Hall Jr.



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