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In Camp
Columbus Ky.
Oct. 15th 1861

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here our 1st & 2nd Lieutenants
were sick. The capt.
& myself walked up here (about
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It is not drilled.

I find my position as orderly
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you all.

The forces in and
around this place are estimate
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Entrenchments are being dug
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The town is about 200 yds
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The Lincolnites, not long
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Some expect an attack soon.

Direct your letters as follows:

Missouri is just over the river from here. The Mississippi is a grand stream here. We can see up and down here the river here a mile or so.

I do not like our uniform at all. I wish you could send on our next soonest assured that I am doing very well.

It seems though that I will never hear from home. I have written 3 letters to yourself, one to Lister and one to Hines. Love to all,

Yours,

J. A. Hall

J. A. Hall, O. S.

Antigua, Guadalupe, Capt. Faulkner

Lt. Col. Blythes, Battalion

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