

Civil War Era Correspondence Collection

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Historical Sketch

Scope and Content Note

Biographical Sketches

Anonymous: This folder consists of one photocopy of a letter from an unknown soldier to “Sallie” about preparations for the Battle of Allegheny Mountain, Virginia (now West Virginia).

Anonymous [J.A.R?]: This folder contains the original and enlarged and darkened copies of a letter describing to the author’s sister his sister the hardships of marching long distances, weather, and sickness.

Reuben M. Benjamin was born in June 1833 in New York. He married Laura W. Woodman in 1857. By 1860, they were residents of Bloomington, IL. Benjamin was an attorney and was active in the 1869 Illinois Constitutional Convention. Later, he became an attorney in the lead Granger case of *Munn vs. the People* which granted the states the right to regulate warehouse and railroad charges. In 1873, he was elected judge in McLean County and helped form the Illinois Wesleyan University law school.

His file consists of a transcript of a letter to his wife written from La Grange, TN, dated January 21, 1865. He may have been part of a supply train regiment bringing food and other necessities

to Union troops in Memphis, TN. This letter mentions troop movements. Due to poor health, Benjamin served only a few months.

Joseph Burnett served in the 35th New York Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. His folder contains five original letters written to his aunt and uncle.

J. B. Burrows was born in 1830. He served in the 70th Illinois Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War. He was first a Quarter Master in Company F and later a Lieutenant in Company S. During the war, his regiment served on guard duty at Camp Butler. Burrows died on February 26, 1863, and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. His folder consists of photocopies of two letters, one of which is addressed to David Davis.

H. H. Clark (Harrison H. or Hanson H.) was born in July 1836 in Ohio. He enlisted in the 94th IL, Co. I, on August 11, 1862. At the time, he was a resident of Randolph Township, McLean County. Having reached the rank of sergeant, Clark was discharged on July 17, 1865. After returning from the war, he returned to farming in McLean County. He married Sarah M. in 1866. As of 1880, Clark was living in Randolph Township with his wife and five children. At the funeral of Almon Morrow (see below), Clark served as a pallbearer. Upon his death in 1913, Clark was buried in the Randolph Township Cemetery. Clark's file contains two original letters written to his family.

John W. Coleman was born in January 1831 in Ohio. Coleman enlisted in the 41st IL on Sept. 30, 1862. At the time, Coleman was a resident of Monticello, IL. He was the 2nd Assistant Surgeon of his regiment. Coleman mustered out on August 20, 1864. After the war, he continued to practice medicine as a physician. By 1870, he was living in Monticello with his wife and two children. Coleman's folder consists of one original letter and a copy. The letter was written from Vicksburg and concerns the death of Dr. Pierce.

George B. Custer was a resident of Logansport, Indiana. He served with the 73rd IN, Co. H as a sergeant. He enlisted August 16, 1862, and mustered out July 1, 1865 in Nashville, TN. Custer passed away on June 29, 1934, and is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport, IN. His file consists of five original letters and 3 transcriptions.

John Franklin Day was born on August 15, 1827, in Tennessee. He later made his home in Wayne County, IL. There, he married Mary Magdalene Hart on April 14, 1853. Day served as a Captain in the 110th IL. He died on February 27, 1863. His file contains seventeen original letters between Day and his wife as well as sixteen photocopies.

Karl Donitz, also known as Charles Denitz, was a resident of Logan County, IL. He enlisted on August 12, 1861, in the 2nd Illinois Cavalry, Co. B. Donitz mustered out on November 22, 1865,

in San Antonio, TX. His folder contains a photocopy of a letter (written in German) Donitz wrote to his brother, and a translated transcription of the same letter.

Anna E. Dyer was a schoolteacher and self-described “country school-marm” from Wyoming, IL. Her file contains six original letters addressed to a Mr. Cassady with whom she exchanged letters. Her letters mention of Lincoln’s assassination, her opinion of John Wilkes Booth, whom she thought was handsome, and the capture of Jefferson Davis.

Charles S. Elder was born on May 7, 1835. As a child, he lived in Clayton, Perry County, Ohio with his parents, James and Mary. He married Mary E., and by 1860, the couple was living in Bloomington. At the time of this correspondence, the Elders had three children, Lora, Josie, and Eddy. Charles Elder enlisted as a musician in the 33rd IL on September 19, 1861. In his letters, he mentions assisting the regiment’s physician. Charles and Mary wrote to each other weekly or more. Elder was discharged on August 16, 1862. His wife died on July 17, 1883. By 1900, Elder lived in Chenoa and was working as a physician. He died on April 12, 1911, and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. His file contains eighteen original letters that he wrote to his wife as well as eight original letters and one photocopy of letters Mary Elder wrote to her husband.

Rowland N. Evans was born on June 16, 1834 in Pennsylvania to Welsh parents. Evans was a Bloomington resident when he enlisted on June 13, 1861. He was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the 20th IL, Co. I, on April 4, 1862. He was promoted to Full Captain on May 22, 1863, and then Full Major on May 19, 1865. Evans mustered out on July 16, 1865, in Louisville, KY. He continued to live in Bloomington after the war working as a carpenter and then as a bookkeeper. Later he became Bloomington City Clerk and assistant postmaster. Evans died on April 16, 1916, and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. His file contains thirteen original letters, one photocopy, and eleven typed transcripts. Most of the letters are addressed to his sweetheart and eventual wife Mary Parke.

Rudolph Fry was born circa 1841 in Illinois. As of 1860, he was living in Bloomington. Fry enlisted on August 8, 1862, serving in the 94th IL, Co. A. He was discharged on June 23, 1865. His file contains one original letter addressed to Frank Evans.

Richard Gates: This folder contains one original letter addressed to Jesse W. Fell.

James Gill was born on May 12, 1830, in Bantry, County Cork, Ireland, to William Gill and Hana Tobin. James Gill came to America in 1846. He lived in New York until 1854, when he enlisted in the Navy. Gill served as a seaman on the frigate Independence. During his naval career, he travelled to San Francisco, South America, the Hawaiian Islands, and Panama. After an honorable discharge, he moved to Bloomington, where he went into the carpentry business.

In 1857, he went to St. Louis, where he enlisted as a private in the 33rd MO, and was later transferred to the 11th MO. During the Civil War, he saw service at Nashville, Red River, Yazoo, and the siege of Mobile. Gill was discharged in December 1865 in Tuscaloosa, AL. After the war, he returned to Bloomington, where he married Ann Garrity on November 7, 1876. Gill died of pneumonia on February 21, 1916. He was buried three days later in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bloomington. His file contains ten photocopies of letters addressed to his mother and sister.

E. E. Greenman (full name Esek Eddy Greenman) was born on January 26, 1813, in Ohio. As of 1850, he was living in McLean County, where he continued to live at least until 1880. He was a resident of both Empire Township and LeRoy. Greenman served in the 39th IL, Co. J, during the Civil War. He married Martha Ann Pierce, but was widowed by 1880. Greenman died on May 18, 1893, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, LeRoy. His file contains one original document, a letter from a soldier to E. E. Greenman with a request for Greenman to look after his money until he comes home.

F. J. Herron was born on February 17, 1837, in Pennsylvania. He was a resident of Dubuque, IA, when he enlisted on April 23, 1861. Herron, who was wounded during the war, rose to the rank of Major General. As of 1870, he was living in New Orleans. Herron died on January 8, 1902, in New York City. His file contains one original letter, addressed to President Lincoln regarding the promotion of Col. McNulta.

William H. Horine was born on March 3, 1840, in Kentucky to Adam and Sarah Horine. As of 1850, he was living in Randolph Grove, McLean County, with his parents and siblings. He enlisted on August 10, 1862, in the 94th IL, Co. K. He was discharged on December 1, 1864, and returned to Bloomington. By 1900, he was a farmer living with his wife Agnes, their two children, and two of his brothers. Horine died on September 2, 1907, and was buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. His file contains two sets of transcriptions of more than seventy letters between William H. Horine, his brother Woodson, and their cousin George W. Howser.

Andrew Jackson was born on May 5, 1840. He enlisted in the 94th IL, Co. D on August 11, 1862. During the war, he participated in the Battle of Prairie Grove, the Vicksburg campaign, Yazoo City, Morganza, and Fort Morgan. Jackson mustered out on July 17, 1865. He was discharged on August 9, 1865, in Springfield, IL. After the war, he returned to Empire Township and took up farming. He died on December 6, 1905, and is buried at Frankenberger Cemetery in Dawson Township, McLean County. His file contains a photocopy of a newspaper article that printed a letter from Jackson to two women living in Padua, Mclean County.

George W. Kent was born in June 1820, in Boston, MA. Kent and his wife Mary had ten children. Around 1853, the family moved to Gridley. As an employee of Bloomington businessman and land speculator Asahel Gridley, Kent laid out the town of Gridley, named it after his employer, and settled there in 1858. He bought property and became a local businessman, dealing in real estate, groceries and lumber. In 1862, he enlisted as a private in the 88th IL, Co. C. Kent was in twenty-three engagements during the war, including Stones River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Resaca and Kennesaw Mountain. Eventually Kent became a 1st Lieutenant. Additionally, upon his discharge, Illinois Gov. Richard Yates made Kent a brevet Captain. Kent died in 1904 and was buried at Gridley Cemetery. His file contains one photocopy of a letter and its transcription, as well as facsimiles of three diaries.

Frank Leeper was born December 10 1838 in Bloomington, the son of William and Malinda (Dougherty) Leeper. Frank held the rank of captain in the 8th Illinois Infantry by the time of his death in the regimental hospital in Raymond, Mississippi, May 13, 1863. He joined the Union army at Decatur, IL on April 18 1861 at the age of 22 as a corporal in Company A. July 25 1861 he rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was describes as being 5'7" tall with black hair and eyes and a dark complexion. His occupation was listed as clerk. He was promoted to captain February 5th 1862.

Amos Mason was born March 25, 1823, in Ohio to Solomon Mason and Elizabeth Fryer. By 1840, Mason was living in McLean County with his family. By 1850, at the age of twenty-seven, Mason had become a farmer in Randolph Grove, McLean County. On October 16, 1851, he married Jane G. Hinshaw. In November 1857, Mason and his family moved to and purchased land in Lucas County, Iowa. Mason enlisted in the 34th Iowa, Co. E on October 15, 1862. He died on January 28, 1863, at the National Hospital in St. Louis, MO, most likely due to dysentery. His file contains one photocopy of a letter from Mason to his father.

William P. McCain was born May 24, 1838, in Bloomington to James and Mary McCain. As of 1850, his family was living in Old Town Township, McLean County. In 1864, McCain married Eliza Helen Graff, and the couple had seven children. By 1870, McCain had moved to Stanton, Miami County, KS. As of 1880, McCain was farming in Guilford, Wilson County, KS. He died on June 29, 1924, in Benedict, KS. McCain's file contains two original letters addressed to family members.

William McCarty was originally from Morgan County, OH. While still in Ohio, McCarty married Martha Brown on January 23, 1866. He served in the 97th OH during the Civil War. The couple lived in McLean County from 1868 until 1885, when they moved to McPherson County, KS. McCarty died in 1909 and is buried in the McPherson Cemetery. McCarty has two folders in the collection. The first contains thirty-two original letters, all addressed to McCarty

from various family and friends. The second folder contains thirty-two transcripts of the aforementioned letters.

Almon Morrow was born on June 20, 1829, near Clarksville, OH. On April 6, 1854, Morrow married Ruth H. Templin. In 1859, the couple moved to Marion County, IL, where they resided for one year. Morrow enlisted in the 94th IL, Co. B on August 6, 1862. He was discharged on July 17, 1865. By 1870, Morrow was living in Randolph Township, McLean County. He died on March 31, 1903. H. H. Clark (see sketch above) was a pallbearer at his funeral. Morrow has two folders in the collection. The first contains thirty-three photocopies of letters, most of which are from Morrow to his wife Ruth. The second folder contains forty-three photocopies of additional letters between Morrow and his wife.

Abraham Moses was a farmer who wrote a letter to his nephew, a soldier. This folder contains the original letter from Abraham Moses. In 1870, an Abram Moses was living in Buckeye, IL, with his wife, Julia and five children. This Moses was born circa 1817 in Pennsylvania.

James Murphy enlisted in the 33rd MO, Co. G. His file contains one original letter, its copy, one transcribed letter, and two copies. The two letters are from James Murphy to his wife Hannah and their children.

John Preston North was born August 24, 1844, in Ohio. By 1860, he was living in Lincoln, IL with his parents, John and Jane. During the Civil War, North served with the 107th IL, Co. G. In 1865, he married Sarah Malinda Provin. The couple had at least five children. As of 1870, North was living and farming in Harp, DeWitt County, IL. He died on October 6, 1924, and was buried in Rose Cemetery in DeWitt County. His file contains twenty-nine photocopies of letters from John P. North, his brother William, and their cousin Zachariah North, to their friends and relatives.

Mattie Orendorff is most likely Martha Orendorff of Bloomington. She was born circa 1843 to Thomas and Mary M. Orendorff. She was a schoolteacher in Bloomington by the time these letters were written. She most likely married Albert B. Luce, also a resident of Bloomington. Her file contains thirteen original letter and fourteen photocopies addressed to "Mattie" from various friends and relatives.

M. W. Packard was born on May 31, 1820. He died on February 28, 1903, and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. His file contains two original letters and two photocopies. One letter is from Packard and various others addressed to A. Lincoln concerning a promotion for Col. McNulta. The other is a letter from Packard to McNulta.

Virgil E. Reed was born circa 1841 to Lyman and Mahitable Reed. He was a resident of Nashua, IL. He enlisted in the 34th IL, Co. F on September 7, 1861. During his time in the 34th, he served as a cook. He mustered out on July 12, 1865, in Louisville, KY. Reed returned to Nashua after the war and continued to live there for the rest of his life. As of 1880, Reed was a farmer. He lived at least to the age of 78. Reed's file contains thirty-six photocopies of letters he wrote to family and friends.

Alonzo Smith: This file contains one original document, its photocopy, and a handwritten transcript. Smith addressed the letter to his uncle.

William Stillhammer was a resident of Bloomington. He enlisted in the 4th IL Cavalry, Co. G on October 3, 1861. Stillhammer survived the Battle of Shiloh. He received a disability discharge on November 8, 1863. However, Stillhammer reenlisted, this time in the 39th IL, Co. F on March 9, 1864. He was thought captured following a charge near Spring Hill, VA, but later rejoined the 39th. Stillhammer died on April 2, 1865 during a charge on Ft. Gregg. Stillhammer is most likely buried near Petersburg, VA, in an unmarked grave. This file contains two original letters, their transcripts, and six photocopies. The first letter is from Capt. A. B. Hoffman of the 39th IL to Mrs. Stillhammer to inform her that her son was missing. The second original letter is from Capt. R. S. Bottsford of the 39th IL to Mrs. Stillhammer informing her of her son's death during the charge on Fort Gregg. One of the photocopies is of a newspaper article about William Stillhammer from 1924.

Charles D. Thompson was a resident of Bloomington. He enlisted on July 20, 1862, as a sergeant. He served with the 94th IL, Co. K. During the war, he fought in the Battle of Prairie Grove. Thompson is buried at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. Thompson's file contains twenty-three typed transcriptions of letters, most of which are from Thompson to his family.

John Trotter was the son of James and Mary Ann Cady Trotter. He was also the first cousin of the better-known John, James, and Georgiana Trotter of Bloomington. The Trotter family was originally from Duleek, County Meath, Ireland. John was married to Isabella Coates, with whom he had one child, Anna Emily. He enrolled in the 94th IL, Co. E on August 7, 1862, in Bloomington. During his service, he was promoted to 1st Sergeant, secretary to the Adjutant. His file contains seven typed transcriptions and one photocopied letter from Trotter to his wife Isabella.

William Van Gundy was born on June 8, 1836, in Ross County, Ohio. Although his given name was John William Van Gundy, he went by his middle name as an adult. Van Gundy enlisted on August 20, 1862, in the 94th IL, Co. D, where he served as a 1st Lieutenant. He resigned from the 94th on September 2, 1863. He later reenlisted on February 14, 1865, this time

in the 150th IL, Co. B, where he served as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was discharged from the 150th on January 16, 1866. Van Gundy was married three times. His first marriage was to Mary L. Greenman, who died in 1863. Van Gundy later married Mary H. Banks, who died in 1881. His final marriage was to Sarah Ellen Irwin. Van Gundy died on October 4, 1910, in Loda, IL. He is buried at Dawson Cemetery in Dawson Township, which is also the final resting place to all three of his wives. The file contains one original document and its photocopy. The letter is from Mary Van Gundy to her husband.

Faire Wren was the son of Sam Wren, to whom he wrote the single letter in his file. Wren was a resident of Bloomington as of January 1, 1864, when he enlisted in the 62nd IL, Co. H. He died on March 19, 1865, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Wren was buried at the Little Rock National Cemetery. His file contains one original letter and its photocopy.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1:	Anonymous
1.1	Photocopy of correspondence written from Huttonsville, Va by unknown to "Sallie" dated Dec. 12, 1861 concerning a previous letter and men being ordered to the summit, 800 men under command of Capt. Charlesworth, moving the troops from Beverly up to the mount. . . Gen. Milroy and Col. Jones at Elk Water. . . Green River. . . fear of "a great loss of life" (Preparation for Battle of Allegheny Mountain) (Fear not Abram, Eagle Paper)
Folder 1a:	Anonymous [J.A.R.?)
1a.1	Monday the 15, 1864 [only February and August had a Monday the 15th in 1864] Addressed to the author's sister – He has not written in a long time. He has seen hard times, while in Kentucky he marched 300 miles. Often marching all day and some nights. They would burn a mile of fence when stopping for camp. They killed many farm animals, including hogs and horses. It has been raining for the past day and night and their tents are leaking. Half the regiment is sick and injured and will have to be left behind. They have only four tents and seven teams. There are 60,000 soldiers near Memphis. He would like to have a good supper, as the food is poor. Some of the men are being discharged. Sherman is the commander in Memphis. There is one hospital in Memphis and 1600 men in Somerville, which has 19 hospitals full of the sick. There is talk of taking their tents away from them, though the nights are cold and frosty. The boys make so much noise he finds it hard to write. Many are tired of the war, but they say they will whip the rebels out and then go home. He expects some of them will fall at Vicksburg as he expects a big fight there. 60,000 are going down the river. He remarks that the men are good and the officers are mean. He plans on electing one of the Peoria boys as first lieutenant of the company when he gets home. Cays [Cayce?] has resigned and gone home. The local women turn up their noses at the sight of the Union soldiers which makes them angry.

Folder 2:	Benjamin, Reuben
2.1	Photocopy of typed transcript of correspondence written from La Grange, TN by Reuben M. Benjamin to his wife, Laura, dated Jan. 21, 1865 concerning taking a wagon train to Memphis. . . Mr. Perry. . . a drunken clerk. . . Broomfield got a letter from Bloomington. . . Wickizer. . . Quartermaster Pierre. . . troops moving down river. . .
2.2	Copy of document 2.1

Folder 3:	Burnett, Joseph (35 th NY)
3.1	Correspondence from Fort Tillinghast, VA by Joseph Burnett to his uncle dated Sept. 27, 1861 concerning response to last letter. . . sister Amelia. . . Munson's Hill. . . McDowell, Keyes, Wadsworth Mansfield. . . Prince de Joinville and his sons. . . Gen. M'Lellan announced their camp a "Model Camp". . . Billy Betts enlisted. . . new recruits. . . John Haddock of Watertown to be Lieutenant. . . David Lody. . . expected a general engagement with the enemies in a short time (New York Paper)
3.2	Correspondence from Falls Church, VA by Joseph Burnett to Susan, his aunt, dated Oct. 11, 1861 concerning not responding sooner because of enemy shells, close enough to hear enemies band. . . funeral of two soldiers of the 24 th . . . received a letter from Estelle. . . 2nd letter on same paper. . . asks Susan to write to Cleveland concerning Charleys whereabouts . . . John McCarthy. . . Frank M _imbo. . . neighborhood of Cape Vincent (New Jersey Paper)
3.3	Correspondence from Witons Hill, VA by Joseph Burnett to Susan, his aunt dated Nov. 8, 1861 concerning late response on account of Picket Duty. . . Uncle George was a First Lieutenant of Cavalry. . . Sophia Border married. . . will soon see action in the field (Fear not Abram, Eagle Paper)
3.4	Correspondence from Falls Church, VA by Joseph Burnett to his aunt dated Dec. 2, 1861 concerning whereabouts of Charley. . . Mr. Merrit. . . sending money to Grandmother. . . needed by the children. . . heard that David is well. . . Estelle and Julia. . . were to go to Fairfax, Va to capture rebel cavalry, but rain prevented it. . . a good thing because a Spy told them that the rebels were aware of Gen. Wadsworth's plan
3.5	Correspondence from (4 miles from Alexandria) by Joseph Burnett to Susan, his aunt, dated March 22, 1862 concerning his Brigade being tossed around, rebel fortifications at Centerville, being shipped south, 30,000 to reinforce Gen. Burnside at either Roanoke Island or Norfolk, heard Nelson Forton was drowned. . . Sacks Harbor regiment as guard, won't see fighting . . (Star and Eagle Paper)

Folder 4:	Burrows, J.B. (70 th IL)
4.1	Photocopy of correspondence from Bloomington, IL by J. B. Burrows to D. Davis dated Dec. 31, 1862 concerning Gov. Yates writing a letter to Lincoln, Hatch (Sec. of State), Col. Morrison, Fuller, Judge Scott. . . with your influence I would succeed, asking for 500 dollars (?) or a job. . . spent two year under Col. Patridge at his celebrated military school. . . wants Davis to enquire if Lincoln got

	his papers. . .
4.2	Photocopy of correspondence from J. B. Burrows to unknown, date unknown concerning court is still in session. . . Wickizer and Benjamin. . . weather

Folder 5:	Clark, Harrison H. (94 th IL, Co. I)
5.1	Correspondence from White River, Mo by H. H. Clark to (family?) dated Jan. 25, 1863 concerning his well being, under Capt. Mann. . . wrote a letter to Elishes. . . camp near Fayette Ville. . . Hunts, Carratton, thinks they are headed to Springfield or St. Louis. . .one of his letters , from S. G. Barrack, opened by James Campbell. . . ‘I can beat any woman’s cooking in the state of misey’”. . . got sesesh money in Springfield, paid one penny per dollar, traded it for flour and corn meal
5.2	Correspondence from Camp near Vicksburg by H. H. Clark to brother, sister, father, and mother dated June 26, 1863 concerning. . . revieved Elizens letter. . . drove rebels back outside of Vicksburg. . . advanced. . . captured a Lieutenant. . . mentions wounded from various companies. . . Old Vicksburg must fall before long. . . Post Hudson taken with 16,000 prisoners. . . heard that Rebs chased Old Hucker Cleas into Washington. . . Charley Cooper. . . Elisher

Folder 6:	Coleman, John W.
6.1	Correspondence from Vicksburg by John W. Coleman to (C. C. /E. E. ?) Greenman dated Aug. 28, 1863 concerning the death of Dr. __ __ (S. R.?) Pierce (brother-in-law of recipient) at his quarters with 50 th IL, near Vicksburg, I was sent for, company of Dr. Richards of Mt. Pleasant
6.2	Photocopy of 6.1

Folder 7:	Custer, George B. (73 rd IN, Co. H)
7.1	Correspondence from Nashville, TN by George B. Custer to his brother and sister dated Jan. 17, 1863 concerning. . . not much time to write, sending letter home with Edward Johnson in the morning. . .
7.2	Correspondence from Helena, Ark. by George B. Custer to his brother and sister dated Feb. 24, 1863 concerning. . . in Mississippi on the Yazoo. . . cleaned the channel. . .went without food for three days. . .onboard a ship, two wounded
7.3	Correspondence from Grand Ecore, La by George B. Custer to his brother and sister dated April 13, 1864 concerning. . .safety of Henry Brown. . . fell back to Pleasant Hill. . . our regiment lost heavily. . .Cal Flory was killed. . . Joseph Shields is missing. . . Joseph, Davis and John, Castle and Henry, Grant and John, Cunningham and Geasele, Owen and Frank, Shelly William. . . Capt. Swigart was wounded (Battle of Pleasant Hill)
7.4	Correspondence from Lexington, Ky by George B. Custer (S. S. Custer) to his brother and sister dated June __, 1865 concerning. . .received last letter including twenty dollars (very blurry). . . M. M. F. Chesnut
7.5	Fragment of correspondence concerning. . . (Sam S. Custer & M. F. Chesnut)
7.6	Typed transcript of document 7.1
7.7	Typed transcript of document 7.2

7.8	Typed transcript of document 7.3
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Folder 8:	Day, John Franklin
8.1	Photocopy of Gift Agreement
8.2	Correspondence from Krystal Donovan (Donor) to Greg Koos dated July 2, 2003 concerning. . .
8.3	Photocopy of page from Hart Family History. . .
8.4	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by M. M. Day to J. F. Day (her husband) dated Nov. 14, 1862 concerning. . . Cousin Ben Frank Hart, 19 th Ohio Battery, prisoners at Harper's Ferry. . . sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago. . . John Blake's wife. . . Mr. Farnsworth. . .the girls and William attending school. . .Wm. Turner. . . Bible Society funds. . . Mrs. Chase moved to Mound City. . . L. K. Austin is dead. . . it is atated in the Advocate that England is building a Confederate Ram(?) for the purpose raising the Southern Blockade
8.5	Photocopy of correspondence from Columb(ia/us), Adair Co., KY by J. F. Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Sept. 1, 1862 concerning. . . quite a number of sick in the company, not dangerously ill. . . pleased to hear of her good health and Benjamin's. . . surprised that she has not (received) his letters, has written every 4 or 5 days since leaving Louisville. . . tells her to take good care of herself, the children, and the stock. . . has had to stop writing letter 4 times, just returned from Gen. Smith's Headquarters. . . Brigadier Gen. (William Babcock) Hazen. . . Glasgo, KY. . . have not been in a fight yet, Perryville. . . skirmishes (Flag & Cannon Paper)
8.6	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Nov. 16, 1862 concerning. . . having trouble finding hands to help with work, talked to Farnsworth, who agreed to help. . . he wants payment in corn or hogs, 75 cents per day for him and his hand. . .wants John's opinion on payment. . . Benj. Frank can stand by himself . . .caught an opossum. . .
8.7	Photocopy of correspondence from John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Oct. 21, 1862 concerning. . . Sabbath. . . 50,000 prisoners. . . Mary Hall. . . he sends the girls a nice present by Mr. (John S.) Blake (faint photocopy) (Flag & Cannon Paper)
8.8	Photocopy of correspondence from John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated (October) 27, 1862 concerning. . . Sabbath. . .John (R.) Shrum has the mumps(?), Sylvester (A. Baugh) & (John H.)Hansbaug are unwell. . . (faint). . .Elections, he was elected Capt., with no opposition. . . other election results. . .
8.9	Photocopy of correspondence from John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) and children dated Nov. 23, 1862 concerning. . . Sabbath. . . a great many sick in the regiment, mostly colds, sent a number to the hospital, incl. John Payne, J(onathan) Catron, Ja(mes) C. Boswell, and J(ohn) W. Jenkins. . . within 12 miles of Nashville. . . Morgan's Cavalry. . . keep the children going to school if it agrees with their health. . . corn, hogs. . .
8.10	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Nov. 21, 1862 concerning. . . responding to letter of the 7 th . . . borrow money to buy winter clothes and provisions. . .

	decided to fatten all but 12 hogs. . . price of coffee, muslin, calico, apples, Potatoes. . . unpleasant dreams. . . the girls are going to “quit coffe”. . . the neighbors are well
8.11	Photocopy of fragment of correspondence, signed by Mary C. Day, his “little loving daughter” to her “father Capt. J. F. Day”
8.12	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Nov. 7, 1862 concerning. . . visited kindred, all well, except Elen. . . Holly Ellis. . . William White discharged and home. . . a boy talking of boarding with us. . . Sahar Jelsop hired Bobby Shaw. . . visited Uncle Andrew. . . white calf died. . . Albert Anderson. . . expecting battle at Helena. . . Seth Mabry and Smith Harris. . . Benj. Frank is getting fat and pretty. . . sold bushels of wheat. . . Mount Vernon. . . Mr. Wingate. . .
8.13	Photocopy of correspondence from New Albany by John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Sept. 26, 1862 concerning. . . (faint photocopy) (Lady & Sword Paper)
8.14	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Sept. 15, 1862 concerning. . . the health of her and her children, all are well except Benjamin. . . William, Betsey. . . visited Mr. Brooks. . . Mr. Wingate. . . sowing wheat and making molasses. . . Mr. Cook working on the Church. . . Mr. Farnsworth. . . girls and William saving some candy for him. . .
8.15	Photocopy of correspondence from (camp near Nashville) John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Dec. 14, 1862 concerning. . . he has been sick with jaundice. . . sickness in regiment, at least half are not able for duty, 18 or 20 in his company, only one dangerously, has the flux, 2 from company have died in the last month (McBrian(McBryant) and Wm. (R.) Hicks). . . James (M.) Linville shot off 3 fingers on right-hand, John (R.) Shrum shot a ball through his right hand, both accidental shots. . . 1 st Lieut. Sam Gibson, tendered resignation. . . good prospect of war lasting for years to come. . . southerners, equal if not superior (at) fighting. . . 110 th . . .
8.16	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Oct. 14, 1862 concerning. . . talk about location of his regiment, some say they were ordered to Corinth, others say you’re still in Kentucky. . . sent the girls to school. . . Mrs. Blake. . . Betsey and baby. . . little Douglas Burgin is sick again. . . Mr. Bo__er’s babe died yesterday. . . Ben Frank is hearty again. . . (Excelsior Paper)
8.17	Photocopy of correspondence from Jonesboro by John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Sept. 12, 1862 concerning. . . his health, much fatigue and suffering from a cold. . .one of the most exciting and laborious days of his life. . . making out the muster and pay roll. . . sorry to hear that her and “sweet little Benj Frank” were unwell. . .got the wheat thrashed. . .he ordered two suits, fatigue and dress. . . J. Y. S. Hopkins (John F. S. Hopkins) deserted. . . saw Mr. Linville in the camp. . . he will send his likeness when he gets his dress suit. . . enclosed \$5
8.18	Photocopy of correspondence from Louisville, Ky by John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) dated Sept. 29, 1862 concerning. . . in Louisville, 150 or 200

	thousand of Uncle Sam's boys. . . all well except A. J. (A. I.) Slaton, who has been sick, but not dangerously. . . officers. . . James C. Neel. . . Isaac Price. . . no pay yet. . . sell some pork or wheat to keep you along. . . thought that they will have a fight with Braggs forces. . (John S.) Blake and Burgens(either Nathaniel D. Burgess or John M. Burgin) are here, will go home soon. . . "tell my little Mary and Louisa". . . homesick. . . not much time for reflection. . .
8.19	Photocopy of correspondence from Long Prairie, IL by Mary M. Day to John Franklin Day (her husband) dated Jan. 15, 1863 concerning. . . she has waited to hear from him for 2 ½ weeks. . . reports that he was wounded . . . heard that he was in a "hard battle". . . news that your Colonel was killed, but later heard he was alive and unhurt. . . killed most of the hogs, sold them to Wingate and Howard. . . their heifer had a fine male calf. . . Benj. Has begun to walk. . . letter from Mrs. Chase, heard he was "slightly wounded". . . Bill Anderson has a new daughter, but his wife was dangerously ill with a fever, but better now. . . Betsey got two letters from Newton, took some guerillas prisoner. . . please write and let me know about the Murfreesborough battle and how you like being a soldier
8.20	Original of document 8.4
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8.27	Correspondence from John Franklin Day to Mary M. Day (his wife) and children dated Oct. 19, 1862 concerning. . .
8.28	Original of document 8.11
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Folder 9:	Donitz, Karl (a.k.a. Charles Denitz) (2 nd IL Cav., Co. B)
9.1	Translation of correspondence from Pittsburg Landing by Karl Donitz to his brother dated April 2, 1862 concerning. . . Gen. Sherman. . . Gen. Byul & Gen. Wales came to their rescue. . . heavy losses on both sides. . . captured 10. . . met Graf Ernst. . . Karl Huber (Soldier's Dream Paper)
9.2	Photocopy of original correspondence. . .

Folder 10:	Dyer, Anna E.
10.1	Correspondence from Toulon?, IL by Anna E. Dyer to an "esteemed friend" dated April 2, 1865 (?) concerning. . . a beautiful Sabbath day. . . her mother's

	health. . . changing school districts (to Wyoming, IL). . . her brother in Mobile. . . war of brother against brother. . . asks for a “photo” of Mr. Cassaday, to feel better acquainted, will sent her photo in next letter. . .
10.2	Correspondence from Toulon, IL by Anna E. Dyer to “Mr. Cassaday” dated April 26, 1865 concerning. . . her uncle, in whose house she is writing the letter. . . he is a farmer and a Baptist minister and “comfortably” well off. . . her cousin Andrew is attending the seminary in town. . . shocked to hear the terrible news of the assassination of our much loved president. . . hasn’t been able to attend church since becoming a “Country School Marm”. . . anxious about Mr. Clark. . . enclosed a Photo. . .
10.3	Correspondence from Wyoming, IL by Anna E. Dyer to “absent friend” dated May 30, 1865 concerning. . . her school, with 40 pupils. . . 10 will be dismissed because they are from out of the district. . . her sister, also a teacher, is boarding with her. . . twisted her ankle. . . looks forward to seeing his photo and the “speedy close of the war”
10.4	Correspondence from Wyoming, IL by Anna E. Dyer to “soldier friend” dated July 10, 1865 concerning. . . preparation for “the Fourth” and the return of soldiers. . . attended dedication of new Baptist Church. . . finally got his photo. . . thanks for words of flattery. . . 35 students. . . brother in Mississippi, mother in east. . . she purchased a horse, call it “Pet,” . . . capture of Jeff Davis, seditious, trying to pass for an “Old Lady,” disgrace to our sex. . . received a photo of J. W. Booth, “a very handsome man,” “all that glitters is not gold”
10.5	Correspondence from Wyoming, IL by Anna E. Dyer to “soldier friend” dated Sept. 3, 1865 concerning. . . her vacation before winter school begins. . . will have a picnic and fishing party for her students. . . one older student died, was sick for a week. . . her brother’s at Vicksburg. . . still no word from Mr. Clark, fear he is dead. . .
10.6	Correspondence from Wyoming, IL by Anna E. Dyer to “Mr. Cassaday” dated March 4, 1866 concerning. . . her busy winter, sleigh rides, learning to play the organ. . . declined teaching this summer. . . is a strong advocate of “Single blessedness”

Folder 11:	Elder, Charles (33 rd IL, Band)
11.1	Correspondence from Charles Elder to unknown date unknown concerning. . . Wednesday morning. . . spoke in your last letter of Mrs. Anderson, her husband. . . Mr. Thomas. . . Busch’s wife has gone home, I will want some shirts soon, Marsailles. . . material in St. Louis. . . rain. . . I don’t mean for you to lose sleep on my account
11.2	Correspondence from Charles Elder to his wife date unknown concerning. . . the ladies appeared to enjoy themselves, not often that we have lady visitors, one of the boys had a box from home full of good things, a large roast turkey, large funnel cakes, cans of peaches, lots of butter cookies, homemade wine, we had a dinner fit for a king. . . I am more careful of my morals in the army. . . hope to come home a tolerable good boy, I thank you for your goodness, did not read the books yet, Sharman was down, but did not say anything about them, kiss the little ones for me. . .

11.3	Correspondence from Charles Elder to his wife date unknown concerning. . . for about 30 minutes, and had only one man badly hurt, he will probably die, others with buckshot in their arms and legs, I assisted Dr. Rex to take out ___ balls. . . , Co. K came down today, “My Dear, don’t give yourself any uneasiness on my account,” you will hear all sorts of stories. . . we can defend this place against 10,000 rebels, I do not anticipate an attack, kiss the babies for me. . . Capt. Siffencolt’s company killed 9 of the rebels. . . (pencil)
11.4	Correspondence. . . concerning. . . over to the other camp this morning and found another acquaintance of Mr. Jones, who used to live near our folks on Prairie Du Song. . . Gen. Tremont, expedition in northern Missouri, we may be next to be attacked, they could cut us off from reinforcements by destroying the bridges on the R. R. from here to St. Louis, would like to have a little brush with the enemy, but do not hardly like the idea of being all taken prisoner after being starved out for a week. . . so much to say, hard to find a stopping point, wish I could look in on you for just an hour or two. . . I got into conversation with a lady who was on her way to join her husband at this place, a lieutenant in the 21 st IL Regt., she was acquainted with you, her name was Linden before she was married, husband’s name is Jameson, born and raised in Sonden?, Ohio. . . met you at Mr. Rouses about six years ago, lives now at Marseilles? Near Decatur, reminds me of Sue McCoy, I wish my wife could come down and see her husband, Mrs. Jameson very anxious to see a fight, did not want her husband to come home until he had received a wound in defense of his country. . .
11.5	Correspondence from Charles Elder to his wife date unknown concerning. . . beans, rice, bread, coffee, tea, sugar, fresh beef, ham, salt pork. . . sleeping accommodations, straw, tents, overcoats, a pillow would be an improvement, don’t forget to send the one I ordered, it is a rough wild life, but I enjoy it remarkably well, could I only see you and our darling little ones once in a while, I think I should be perfectly happy. . . should be able to send you money in a short while, paymaster expected on the 13 th , draw 3 months pay. . . I am well clothed, warm pantaloons, a nice sack coat, two pairs of drawers and undershirts, a large, heavy military overcoat, and a blanket. . . Uncle Sam is a good provider. . . Mr. Woodward, our band captain, and myself have a large tent, sketch of the tent on another piece of paper, tent is like the officers’, better off than the common soldier, no guard duty. . . surprised to learn that Lipton? had given up his company. . . I have sent my papers applying for the fast of medical. . . Wm. and Lovejoy’s name signed. . . I would like to be at home today, peaches and grapes. . . tell Horace to write to me, kiss the babies for me
11.6	Correspondence from Charles Elder to his wife date unknown concerning. . . charge of anxiety to get into a battle, wagons, horses, and cattle, take provisions where ever they can. . . two of the band boys came back from a foraging expedition, bringing some 20 chickens, two sheep, some potatoes. . . have only seen one paper from the United states since leaving St. Louis, left in the dark, your letters worth a thousand dollars to me. . . write as often as you can (pencil)
11.7	Correspondence from Old Town Sandy, Ark by Charles Elder to Mary Elder (his wife) dated Aug. 6, 1862 concerning. . . takes so much red tape for getting men out of the service, waiting for Colonel Hovey to return to settle up the business. .

	<p>. the 11th band got away. . . Helena awaiting Gen. Curtis' return, hope we will be able to get home next week, last time you wrote was the 21st of July. . . Col. Hovey has been down the river, getting what cotton he could find. . . one of our companies was attacked on a plantation, one man was badly wounded, Co. A attacked, one man killed, three wounded, three taken prisoner. . . 1st Miss Cavalry arrived with Maynard's Carbines(?), postage stamps, treasury notes. . . I assisted in amputating the arm of one of our wounded. . . our camp was thrown into considerable excitement, rebel ___ ___ (boat), fearing a white flag, captain had certification of having 36 federal prisoners which he wished to exchange, Maj. Roe would not let him, permitted the boat to land and await Col. Hovey, one of our gunboats escorted the boat down to Col. Hovey, . . . our men were released, several of the rebel soldiers deserted and joined our regt.. . . Robinson's Sandy, Commodore Davis. . .</p>
11.8	<p>Correspondence from Pitman's Ferry by Charles Elder to Mary Elder dated April 26, 1862 concerning. . . realities of soldier's life. . . Black River. . . chickens, geese, hogs, and calves. . . cut down to half rations, pitched our tents in the mud, hard crackers, a cup of coffee without sugar. . . rain, drizzle, size of the Illinois River, 33rd IL Inf., 9th IL Cav. , getting across the river by ferries, Pocahontas, Col. Carlin (pencil)</p>
11.9	<p>Correspondence from opposite Greenville, Mo. by Charles Elder to his wife dated Mar. 5th, 1862 concerning. . . awful road leaving Arcadia, rain and thunder and lightning. . . it kept me awake, rubber blanket, keep dry, building bridges by falling trees across, got eight chickens, it is though we will leave here in a few days for either New Madrid or Pocahontas, we are in a god forsaken country, no mail, no nothing (pencil)</p>
11.10	<p>Correspondence from Ironton? Charles Elder to Mary dated Jan'y 19, 1862 concerning. . . haven't heard from you in a long time, I've been busy, raising money to pay for the horns, so far I have raised \$430, \$509 total, Col. Hovey told me to send for the instruments, got the band together, first went to Co. K, \$50. . . have you gotten a girl yet, did you receive the money I sent, buy me a silk handkerchief, weather, rain fell in torrents, I hope Sara's head will get well without injury to her ears and hearing, you must keep the little ones well covered at night and warmly clad during the day, I will try to get a furlough. . .</p>
11.11	<p>Correspondence from Ironton Charles Elder to Mary Elder dated Jan. 8, 1862 concerning. . . busy copying and arranging music, told Col. Hovey I should not act as leader much longer unless paid, he said I should be paid and continue to act as leader until Woodward returns, sent to Chicago for the new instruments, do not want the position, but the pay. . . received a letter from you, "like a ray of sunshine to my heart," a misfortune that married men have to leave their families, , how dreary it must be for those who have no wife, inclined to look on the Brightside of things, last night the quartermaster and the sergeant brought their wives over, brought a lot of cake, canned peaches, , a good supper in exchange for music</p>
11.12	<p>Correspondence from Ironton Charles Elder to Mary Elder dated Dec. 22, 1861 concerning. . . had to attend a funeral, dead soldier in his fine coffin was placed in the wagon, we played splendidly, our ___ Col. could not govern his feelings</p>

	and cried like a child, weather has changed, ground covered with snow, Col. Hovey's brigade has come up missing as Col. Carlin has been appointed General, he is anything but a favorite here, anxious to hear from you, can't you write twice a week, how they get along with the measles, , you need not fret about my morals, wish I could send you more money, buy up cotton cloth. . .
11.13	Correspondence from Charles Elder to his wife dated Dec. 8, 1861 concerning. . . Col. Hovey surprised we played so well without a leader, new instruments, Major Roe, your letter caused me uneasiness on account of the children, measles, Josie, feel as if my hands are tied, couldn't get to you unless I deserted, that would not do by any means. . .if anything happens, let me know at once by telegraph. . . received a letter from Emma Rice, photo of her father and herself, I will send it to Bloomington, for my folks to see, then on to you. . . unpleasant weather, sun has come out, as warm as May, some snow but not much, enclosed a dollar gold piece, let me know if you want more and I will send you all I have. . . (fifth page of doc. 11.15)
11.14	Correspondence from Ironton by Charles Elder to his wife dated Oct. 20, 1861 concerning. . . keep you posted on our circumstances, one week since affairs began to assume a stormy aspect, no fight yet, we are ready for them, a pleasant affair after dress parade, a gentleman from Chicago on behalf of their public schools presented our regiment "a beautiful sett of colors," an ordinary flag with stars and stripes surrounded by "yellow or orange silk" fringe, with gold inscription, 33 rd Ill. Vol. In., other flag of deep blue silk, 8 by 10 feet, surrounded in orange fringe, in the center is an eagle with a scroll with inscription, "presented by teachers of Chicago to Normal Regt.," they cost \$130, Col. Hovey made a few remarks. . . ordered to pack our knapsacks with blanket, overcoat, and three days rations, destination is Fredrictown, intention to surround the enemy, George, my legs are too lame to undertake the tramp. . . I dreamed of you last night, Charlie Kitchen, tell Sara that she must learn to read so she can tell Papa lots of stories when he comes home. . . I am not writing to anyone but you at present and don't intent to. . .
11.15	Correspondence from Ironton by Charles Elder to Mary Elder dated Dec. 8, 1861 concerning. . . my fourth letter to you, I've only gotten 2 from you, received your letter of Dec. 1 st , busy visiting friends in B[loomington]. . . I've been busy attending to the music and keeping the boy's at work, visitors constantly dropping in, Col. Hovey as a Brigadier General, trying to get the regiment transferred to the expedition on the southern coast, Gen. McCulloch is marching upon this place with 13,000 men, his advanced guard seen by our outer pickets, pickets doubled, you ask about the Lieut. Colonel, has been half drunk, likes the band, favorite tune is Dixie, day before yesterday he was sober, demanded a court martial, Col. Carlin did not court martial him, released from arrest and took command out of Major Roe's hands, behaved well since, Woodward, Col. Hovey called the band to headquarters to play on the balcony. . . (fifth page, doc. 11.13)
11.16	Correspondence from Ironton Charles Elder to Mary Elder dated Oct. 19, 1861 concerning. . . the alarm sounded, drawn up in battle lines, joined by 38 th Il, marched south of Ironton, expected battle to commence, kept meeting

	cavalrymen, told us enemy was a few miles away, nine miles through the roughest country, road like a shelf on sides of mountains, rest, enemy on the run from Farmington, 6 or 8 miles ahead of us, headed home. . . Lieut. Burnham woke us, get water pails, bring water into the fort, expected to be attacked in two hours. . . nothing yet, Gen. Siegel arrived last night with the 8 th Wisc. Regt., don't believe the stories you hear, all exaggerated. . .
11.17	Correspondence from Ironton by Charles Elder to his "dear wife" dated Oct. 16, 1861 concerning. . . were ordered to be ready to march and draw 3 days extra ration, bank ordered to each take a musket, camp in commotion, news came from two of our companies stationed on the R.R. 30 or 40 miles from here, they were all taken and killed, messengers galloping through the streets, orders given for the men to go to bed and have their arms handy, slept all night, today like yesterday, orders and counter-orders, cut off from St. Louis, bridges burnt, supposed that we are entirely surrounded, Co. E Capt. Elliot, surprised and taken prisoner, Co. K Capt. Li—encott (letter cuts off) (pencil)
11.18	Correspondence from Ironton Charles Elder to his "dear wife" dated Feb. 12, 1861 concerning. . . received letter containing likenesses, a week since I've heard from you at B[loomington], received orders to march on Friday next, hope we're not going to Cairo, Woodward and I are very busy copying the music into new books, regiment rejoicing over the news, I am more disposed to mourning, we shall undoubtedly see some hard times hence forward, should like to go down into Tennessee, tell Lora that Papa will write to her, tell Josie that Papa would like to see her as well. . .

Folder 12:	Elder, Mary
12.1	Correspondence from Lexington by Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated Jan. 26, 1862 concerning. . . have been looking for your letter, had been making a visit to B[loomington], Eddy has got pretty well weaned and behaves like a little gentleman about it, his foot seems quite well, L's ear has got about well, her hearing returned, will take Josie down to B with me, had a line from father, all well, except Josephine, her breasts are still gathering, Homer not yet returned, see about getting a silk dress, we had a fire here, large old house of Notts, above Pa's ex-office, no one was home, spend last evening with Mr. Woodward at Horace's, looks very well, even fat, is to start for your camp Tuesday, will send the paper by him, and the handkerchief also, reading Lovejoy's speech, sleighing, Bill Smith, got the depot house moved across the track. . .
12.2	Correspondence from Bloomington Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated Feb. 1, 1862 concerning. . . at last succeeded at getting to Bloomington after a desperate effort, received you letter with picture, your new horn looks like a splendid one, have you got your new uniform, I should like a picture without the horn and with your cap off, will try to get mine and Josie's taken while here, Lora and Eddy at home, Josephine is better, her baby only weighs 11 pounds, nearly 3 months old, looks like Homer, have a wet nurse for it, tended to by mother and Ms. Dugan besides, call it Charlotte for Homer's sister. . .
12.3	Correspondence from Lexington by Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated March 2, 1862 concerning. . . everything outdoors covered in ice, Eddy is 13 months old

	today, Lora dreamed that you had come home, told Josie, Josie improves in talking, Pa came home, saw father in Bloomington, went into Pheonix Hall to see the body of Lieut. Howell and two others. . . Judge Rayborn slipped and broke his thigh, Old McAllen fell and broke his ribs, Jim Laramer got shot in his arm, he is at St. Louis, his nurse is an old schoolmate of Mr. L's from Penn., your Col. has got himself into a pretty mess. . ."superceeding his superior officer". . . saw Dave Powly go past with a horn in his hand. . .
12.4	Correspondence from Lexington Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated May 14, 1862 concerning. . . received yours of the 6 th , I have written every week, a letter from father, all were well, Homer has gone into the carpet-business, answered Em B's letter, housecleaning, varnished furniture, body of Mr. _rimmer brought home yesterday, died of wound received at Shiloa, absurd news, telegraphed that Richmond had been taken, incl. Jeff Davis and all the rebel congress, a lie. . . children are well, Lora has a new swing which her grandpa made her, L had a little company, tea under the tree, little dishes. . . Josie's thumb nail has come off. . . "prospect of increase in the McCurdy family in course of 3 or 4 months". . . Mrs. Cutler, Bud Strays, money is getting scarce with me, just a dime left. . .
12.5	Photocopy of document 12.6
12.6	Correspondence from Lexington by Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated "Sunday Evening" concerning. . . anxiety over your trip from Ironton. . . went to church, saw Mrs. Col. McCullough, Mrs. Kerrs, her son Howard, he had enlisted, a Scotch Regt. , sent Will onto Jolliet. . . heard from Mr. Mc___ for first time since battle of Pittsburg, Mrs. Capt. Harvey, inconsolable, Dr. Stipps and others summoned to Washington to answer for brutal conduct towards sick under their charge, Mrs. Hannah has lost her baby, Mr. and Mrs. (Lina) Louis are going to Mr. Ferry's to board, Charl is learning the hair work, wants you to send some of your longest hair as she is making a family piece, don't worry about my financial matters, bought Lora and Josie new shoes, enough left over until May, want to invest in something that will increase it a little, so you can have it to go to Chicago, I only plan to get a bonnet (pencil)
12.7	Correspondence from Mary Elder to Charles Elder date unknown concerning. . . retain the position and get the salary, though not at the expense of Woddward's ill health, Mrs. Magil told me he intended to go to a water-cure, sorry the actions of you Lieut. Col. are overlooked, hope he is not a bad influence on the band, am curious to see Emma Rice, anxious about expected fight at Ironton, dinner time, Horace and Charl have come up to help us eat, I must write to Hattie Brotts, send to Peterson for a specimen of his magazine, got the money you sent, cotton prices have risen, calico and muslin will go up in the spring. . . (pencil)
12.8	Correspondence from Lexington by Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated "Saturday even." concerning. . . our Katey got married on Christmas, had to get along with sick babies, sorry to lose Katey, she was good-natured and the children loved her so much, made them each a present, a doll in a wagon for Lora and a bird for Josie, had to stay home and get our Christmas dinner ourselves, C & H were here, Mr. E__ick and Jenny dined with us, filled the children's stockings with candies and cakes, C gave Josie a doll in a cradle, Mother gave Lora a rabbit, cousin James gave them each a plastic paris bird, Lora was drousy and feverish

	Christmas afternoon and night, measles, horse, but cough is not bad. . . Eddie has shown no signs of it until today, has been feverish and vomiting, will not trouble him much, don't worry about either of them, think Lora is about well, got nine names for Peterson, pretty sure of 3 more, sent books by Bill H., children better this morning. . .
12.9	Correspondence from Lexington by Mary Elder to Charles Elder dated Feb. 9, 1862 concerning. . . returned home to find that Eddy had been very sick, better when I got home, Josie behaved like a little lady, bought her and Lora each a box of wooden dishes for 12 ½ cents apiece, I bought a black silk dress, cost me \$19.20, shoes for Josie and Eddy, read yours of the 5 th , gave me great joy, the Tribune announced that bands of 16 men were to be retained in Lewis, eating some fresh pork for dinner, called on Lina, at Nicolls House, Josie and I had our pictures taken, rejoicing over the recent victory at Fort Henry, Charl and Horace went down to Allec's yesterday. . .

Folder 13:	Evans, Rollie (Rowland) N. (20 th IL, Co. C)
13.1	Correspondence from Fort Donelson, TN by Rollie Evans to "Mary" dated Feb. 22, 1862 concerning. . .the particulars of the terrific struggle, it commenced on Thursday morning and continued until Saturday night. . . his brigade left "Fort Henry" . . . chaplain appealed to the "Gods of battles". . . many of his regiment "consigned to a soldier's grave". . . ammunition was exhausted, compelled to abandon the fields. . . 25 of his company was missing. . . (the siege of Fort Donelson). . . surrender of Fort, raiding of the stars and stripes. . . returned to the battlefield to collect the wounded. . . among dead, A. J. Leavitt, L. E. Tator, and a german by the name of Larsen. . . a committee appointed by the citizens of McLean Co. is here, disinter dead and convey their remains home, including John Humphrey, A. T. Daniels, Dr. Mazon, list of wounded to be published in the Pantagraph. . .two wounds in his breast coat, slight wound on right forearm. . . signed "your truest friend"
13.2	Correspondence from St. Charles Hotel in Cairo by Rollie Evans to "Mary" dated June 13, ____ concerning. . . reported to Gen. Strong. . . Col. McCullough. . . Capt. Marble. . . report at Memphis. . . the Steamer Commercial. . . visited rebel Gun Boat that Gen. Bragg captured. . . flag ship "Benton"
13.3	Correspondence from Rollie Evans to unknown dated ____ 13, ____ concerning. . . Saturday morning. . .recent skirmish at Britton's Lane". . . refer to the Chicago Times of the 11 th . . .how did you enjoy your time at Mrs. Evans', signed 'your own best friend'
13.4	Correspondence from "Camp Marsh" Jackson, TN by Rollie Evans to "Mary" dated Sept. 5, 1862 concerning. . . encounter with the rebels on Sept. 2 nd , near Denmark, had to content with cavalry forces, 700 men attacked by at least 8,000 cavalry, this engagement was his first as commander of a company. . . will send newspaper account along with letter. . . the "Division Times". . . battle of "Britton Lane". . . sorry about having the "black bottle" out when you and Sue visited my tent. . . death of Col. Hogg. . . Capt. Pullen. . .
13.5	Correspondence from Jackson, Tenn by Rollie Evans to unknown dated Oct. 11, 1862 concerning. . . battle at Corinth, our brigade stayed to protect Jackson. . .

	two new regiments joined us, the 76 th and 124 th from Camp Butler, IL. . . “Chicago Tribune” announced the death of Gen. Dick Oglesby, but the Gen. still lives, but severely wounded. . . 900 prisoners came through town, headed north, horrible condition. . . news from Corinth, demoralization of Price’s Army. . . Gen. Rosecrans. . . Gen. Buell recovered all lost ground in Kentucky. . . proposes to attend church. . . gives her his “deepest affection”. . . dress parade, “sesesh ‘Lady friends’” consented to witness it. . .
13.6	Correspondence from 8 miles south of Boliver by Rollie Evans to “Mary” dated Nov. 8, 1862 concerning. . . regiment in readiness to move by rail, onboard, leaving for Grand Junction. . . “a battle is imminent”
13.7	Correspondence from near “Port Gibson” Miss. By Rollie Evans to “Mary” dated May 5, 1863 concerning. . . Milliken’s Bend. . . 40 miles below Vicksburg. . . Gen. McClermand. . . 1 st Brigade, soon gained the summit. . . their Chief Commander, Gen Tracy was slain. . . next move will be in the direction of Vicksburg
13.8	Correspondence from Rollie Evans to “Mary” date unknown concerning “fifth battle”. . . I shall remain true under every circumstance. . . letter written on a drum head under the shadow of a most beautiful magnolia tree
13.9	Correspondence from near “Edward’s Sation”, Miss. By Rollie Evans to “Mary” dated May 17, 1863 concerning. . . we won a decided victory. . . heavy losses. . . captured 5,000 prisoners, enemy retreating in the direction of Vicksburg. . . pontoons over the “Big Black”, fourth fight since crossing the Mississippi, first at “Thompson Hill,” then at Raymond, then Jackson. . . companies flag has received 41 shots. . . our Lt. Col. was killed, along with Lt. Sears, who was next to me when he was shot and instantly died. . . tell J. W. Evans that Lt. Pearce handed me his letter yesterday. . . “accept many kisses”
13.10	Correspondence from near Vicksburg by Rollie Evans to “Mary” dated May 25, 1863 concerning. . . Vicksburg campaign, 3 weeks. . . Logans Division. . . 22 nd will be long remembered. . . plan decided upon by Gen. Grant. . . only received a slight wound on the left hand. . . write often
13.11	Correspondence from “Before Vicksburg” by Rollie Evans to “Mary” dated June 21, 1863 concerning. . . a temporary lull in the storm. . . thundering of 300 cannon. . . Grant. . . slight casualties. . . several deserters crossed our line, say that their should be a surrender in a few days, confirm death of Gen. Pemberton’s wife. . . had chance to be at Gen. Logan’s Headquarters, heard examination of deserters, say 150 men and women killed, seems barbarous, but Gen. Grant gave due notice of intentions, they had time to evacuate women and children. . . Pemberton ill, Gen. Bowen in command. . . 94 th has arrived, Gen. Orme’s Brigade, Herron Division, stationed near Warrenton. . . John visited the other day. . . Dick unwell, not dangerously. . . ague. . . two months since he has slept in a tent
13.12	Correspondence from Bloomington, IL written by Mary’s father to his “dear daughter Mary” dated Jan./June ? 20, 1866 concerning. . . pay grandma \$6, Uncle Will \$10. . . “see the elephant”. . . went to the opera. . . Mrs. Gridley gave her the cold shoulder. . . speak of going again if Rollie could escort her. . . Rev. Mr. Woods, asked Jo Ewing what his intentions were in regards to his daughter. . .

	. I objected to you writing letters to Rollie when he first went into the Army. . . Lettie and Ketcham. . . Miss Laura. . .
13.13	Photocopy of correspondence from "Before Atlanta, Ga" by Rollie Evans to "Mary" dated Aug. 8, 1864 concerning. . . haven't received any letter since he left Bloomington 2 months ago. . . first battle at Kensaw Mountain. . ."Big Shanty" on the 16 th of June. . . appointed Aid-de-camp for Gen. Force Staff. . . battle at "Black Jack Hill" on June 19 th . . .Kenesaw Mt. on the 27 th . . ."Nickajack Creek" on the 4 th of July. . . his horse was shot at Kenesaw Mt. . . . Gen. Force and all his staff, except him, wounded. . . the 20 th annihilated, killed, wounded, or captured all but 20 men. . . Lieut. Taylor and Ludwig were mortally wounded. . . Gen. McPherson also killed. . . has been Acting Adjunct Gen. of the first Brigade
13.14	Original of 13.13
13.15	Typed transcript of document 13.1, 13.4, 13.2, 13.3, 13.5, 13.7, 13.6, 13.9, 13.11, 13.10, and 13.13

Folder 14:	Fry, Rudolph (94 th IL, Co. A)
14.1	Correspondence from Benton Barracks by Rudolph Fry to Frank Evans dated Sept. 1, 1862 concerning. . . first days in camp. . . news from home to other soldiers. . . received uniforms, shoes

Folder 15:	Gates, Richard
15.1	Correspondence from Jacksonville, IL by Richard Gates to Hon. Jesse W. Fell dated Nov. 7, 1865 concerning. . . his applications for discharge. . . Judge Lewis

Folder 16:	Gill, James (33 rd MO & 11 th MO)
16.1	Photocopy of Pantagraph Obituary of James Gill
16.2	Carbon-copy of Daily Bulletin Obituary of James Gill dated Feb. 1916
16.3	Photocopy of correspondence from "Binton Barricks," in St. Louis by James Gill to his sister, Hannah, dated April 12, 1862 concerning. . . received her likeness in Hermann, ordered away from Hermann on April 8 th , now at Binton Barricks, going to Arkansas in 3 or 4 days. . . will sent likeness if he gets a chance. . . Seigels Brigade, 12 th Missouri, tried to get in the gun boats, but they were all full. . . give my love to Mary, Tim, and cousin Hannah, rmember me to little Magee(Union Paper)
16.4	Photocopy of correspondence from Helena, Ark. by James Gill to his mother dated Sept. 26, 1862 concerning. . .received letter of the 13 th , grieved to hear of Mary's death. . . some say they're going to Vicksburg, more say to Little Rock. . . nice to see the cotton fields in bloom. . . foraging expedition, 200 wagons
16.5	Photocopy of correspondence from Helena, Ark. by James Gill to his mother dated Feb. 22, 1863 concerning. . .received letter of Feb. 8 th . . .sickness in his regiment. . . should be paid soon. . . on our way to Yazoo pass. . . Colonel _iles, belong to Gen. Grants Army, Brig. Gen Fiske, Capt. Tracy (Gun Boat Boys Paper)
16.6	Photocopy of correspondence from Yazoo Pass by James Gill to his sister dated

	Feb. 26, 1863 concerning. . .received letter sent to Columbus, but not the letter with the medal. . .on our way to Vicksburg by way of Yazoo pass. . . expect a fight every hour
16.7	Photocopy of correspondence from Helena, Ark. by James Gill to his mother and sister dated June 4, 1863 concerning. . .received letter of the 24 th . . . Willy being a good boy. . .prices high up north, tired of camp food, price of butter, eggs. . . went to communion this morning in the convent, Father Shanahan. . . rebels under Gen. Price, most troops below us at Vicksburg. . . wants a small prayer book. . . Hannah, her husband, and baby are all well, received Margret Tobins likeness, looks first rate, some of the boys think she is his sister. . . kiss the baby 10 times for me, will send the baby a present when he gets paid
16.8	Photocopy of correspondence from Big Black River, Miss. by James Gill to his mother and sister dated Feb. 21, 1864 concerning. . .went to Vicksburg, marched for Black River, crossed on pontoon bridge, 20,000 of us, 5 New York Regiments, 2 New Jersey, red caps and red coats, most were Irish, trees down here covered in long moss, looks like curled hair, holly and magnolia trees. . . Mother Superior, shook hands with sisters as I left, a medal and plum preserves. . . Major Gen. Hurlburt. . . bridge across river was burned
16.9	Photocopy of correspondence from "Elexandri." LA by James Gill to his mother and sister dated March 20, 1864 concerning. . .received letter of Feb. 8 th in Vicksburg, left Vicksburg on the 10 th , New "Orlains", went up river, charged the fort, third time got in. . . letter to be sent on gunboat. . .
16.10	Photocopy of correspondence from Legrange, Tenn. by James Gill to his mother and sister dated June 30, 1864 concerning. . .received letter of June 22 nd . . . 50 miles from Memphis, on Memphis and Charleston Rail Road, detailed on the pioneer Corps. Working at his trade and bridges. . .enclosed \$10 . . . difficult work felling trees
16.11	Photocopy of correspondence from Selma, Ark. by James Gill to his mother dated June 23, 1865 concerning. . .received letter of June 12 th . . . hasn't drank spirituous liquors for over 6 months, whiskey is his biggest foe, have to stay until some kind of law is established, no pay for 4 months, hot down here. . . love and wishes to uncle William, aunt, and Hannah Tobin. . .will uphold his honor. . .enclosed some rebel money, with Jefferson Davis' likeness (doodle of face)
16.12	Photocopy of correspondence from Marion, Al. by James Gill to his mother dated Sept. 5, 1865 concerning. . .received letter of the 25 th , heard of Hannah Tobin being sick, glad she is on the mend. . . Jane Inman. . . time is up the 5 th of Nov. . . . fare worse now than they did during wartime, maggoty crackers, bad salt pork. . . sister will be in happy spirits when he gets to Bloomington, has some silver rings for her, new trade making rings
Folder 17:	Greenman, E. E. (39 th IL, Co. J)
17.1	Correspondence from Camp _rant, Va by A. _ _ eere to E. Greenman dated April 1, 1864 concerning. . . encampment eight miles east of Washington. . . asks Greenman to look after my money until I can come home. . . Westfall wants John Barr to write

Folder 18:	Herron, F. J. (13 th IL, 2 nd Div., Maj. Gen.)
18.1	Correspondence from Morganzia, LA by F. J. Herron to “his Excellency A. Lincoln” dated Sept. 20, 1863 concerning the promotion of Col. McNulta to Brevet Brigadier General. . .service at siege of Lexington and Prairie Grove

Folder 19:	Horine, William H. (94 th IL, Co. K)
19.1	Transcripts of several correspondences dated May 21, 187 (?) from unknown woman, G. W. Howser, Bill, and W. H. H. . . . The first short correspondence is from an unknown woman asking “Cousin Wood” to take her to hear Mrs. Laury Dainty. She explains that Mr. Hatch will not be home and that a lady cannot go without a gentleman. She calls Woodson her darling and asks if she is his darling, explaining that she wants to be somebody’s darling. The second short correspondence concerns G. W. Howser giving his love to his cousin Woodson, along with Uncle Adam, Aunt Sally, and all the boys. Another fragment concerns Bill mentioning that he doesn’t know whether a man is dead or not. Also, he mentions a tremendous rain storm that left the ground too muddy to drill upon.
19.2	Transcript of correspondence from Camp Benton by W. H. Horine to “Wood” (Woodson Horine) dated Aug. 8, 1862 concerning. . . ‘s been two weeks, written eight or ten letters, not received any...I wrote Sally, asked her to send me a dollar or two, she hasn’t...spent all I had in Bloomington...tell her to send me \$5...you had better come down and join our company...we have more fun that 14 wildcats could in a month...we just hired 3 contraband to cook for us, our regt. Left for the seat of war this morning...so devilish hot...went to the fairgrounds this morning, it’s a bully place...If you don’t write, when I get on guard I will shoot everybody I see...
19.3	Transcript of correspondence from Camp Benton by “Bill” to “Wood” dated Sept. 1, 1862 concerning. . . endeavor to write you a letter, I will finish this letter or kick somebodies ass, that’s certain...had to buy cooking utensils, bottles, pans, plates, cups, and spoons, etc...plenty of swill and slop to eat and drink, coffee, bread, and meat for breakfast, bread, water, and meat for dinner, nice hominy and taters every day or two...plenty of fodder, but our cook “ain’t worth a damn”...barracks are about four miles north west of St. Louis, it’s a bully place, 12,000 troops...a Wisconsin Regt...we have uniforms and blankets, but no arms yet...roll call, drilling, , everything quiet at nine, “There is more woman down here than I ever saw at once place before,”...”no trouble about the ‘thing’ at all”...devilishly hot, one man sun-struck in Orme County, tremendous rain storm.
19.4	Transcript of correspondence from Benton Barracks by “Bill” to his “dear Brother” dated Sept. 10, 1862 concerning. . . received your letter, going to leave tomorrow morning for I don’t know where, got guns and everything, except knapsacks, I want you to go to the Express Office and take my carpet bag out when it gets there, not sure where we’ll go, Rolla, Corinth, Memphis, Cincinnati, Richmond...write all the letters you can and tell everyone else to do the same, direct letters to Co. K, 94 th Ill. Vol....enclosed satchel key...

19.5	Transcript of correspondence from Camp McLean, Rolla by "Bill" to "Wood" dated Sept. 15, 1862 concerning. . . going to leave tomorrow, will most likely go to Springfield, 40 rounds of ammunition distributed to everyman, report going around that there is btwn. 5 and 10,000 rebels in six hours march of Rolla, think it was hot enough to be over a hundred degrees in the shade,
19.6	Transcript of correspondence from "Jim" to "Wood" date unknown
19.7	Transcript of correspondence from Mill Springs, Mo. by W. H. Horine to "Brother Horine" dated Sept. 23, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter of the 17 th , marched 20 miles. Tired, handed out letters, marched 8 more miles and didn't get tired a bit...7 days march of 110 miles, 15 miles from Springfield, camped on the ground where Gen. Seigel once had a battle with the rebs, a mill near us, pipe shot full of bullet holes, 5,000 men following us, 4,000 in our crowd, brigade commanded by Brig. Gen. Herron, I don't know if he is any relation to Amzi Herron, ain't seen a bird since leaving St. Louis, ain't hardly seen a woman, what I did see were all secesh, would like to come across some good looking union galls, haven't sen Big George since leaving Rolla, ain't rained one drop since leaving Rolla, I want you to send me the Daily Pantagraph once in a while
19.8	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo by "Bill" to "Wood" dated Oct. 14, 1862 concerning. . . been on guard duty since yesterday, been to town guarding the prisoners in the guard-house, btwn, 2 and 300, some are secesh...more prisoners at two other places... we moved to about a half mile south of Springfield, is getting warmer, was cool, frosted Sunday and Monday night, cloudy, foggy, and tolerably cool this morning, Col. Orme in command of this post now...if you have any counterfeit money, broken banks or anything of that kind, sssend them along, here is the place to pass all such furniture, Secesh bring loads of things, pies, canes, cider, apples, peaches, chickens, turkeys, milk, etc. and will take anything that looks like money, some boys passed four or five dollars of that kind of stuff, ask Jim why he doesn't write, tell him if he don't I'll kick his ass that's certain...
19.9	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield by "Bill" to his "Brother and all the rest" dated Oct. 18, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd letter of the 10 th , glad to hear from old "Bloomington County" again, the name the boys have got for it now, got a Tribune 4 weeks ago, and a copy of the Daily Pantagraph, , I get a hold of the Mo. Demecrat every day or two...send some kind of story paper, Flag, Union, or some such...would rather have bullets flying around my ears than "bumblebees", cold down hererained for two nights and days, frosted for three nights, is your "'tobacker"' ripe yet, send me a pipe-full, you ought to be down here, a lot of devilish good looking women here, expect they are all Secesh though, doesn't make a difference to me, preaching in town every Sunday and Sunday night, visited Co. B this morning, Pete Howser is as fat as a hog, He will be as big as Adam in six months, Big George is powerfully homesick, told him you wanted him to write or you would kick his ass, acted unafraid, told him you might come for a visit, he seemed scared, he said he would write, too cheap to pay the postage, if you make grape wine this fall save enough for me to get drunk when I get there, grapes down here are as big as the ones at home, and a

	good deal better...
19.10	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield by "G. W. Howser" to his "dear cousin" dated Oct. 20, 1862 concerning. . . just finished guard duty, fun to guard the graybacks in town, 250 Secesh and seven Choctaw Indians to guard, two different places, the Court House and the College Building, a dirty greasy set...Indians have nothing but Shirts and pants, being bareheaded with long black hair and black skin, bare-footed with the biggest foot that I ever saw...you know I have a Doxologer, the Secesh are pretty much all lousey...great deal of sickness and death in our regt., three deaths in six days, Perry Andrew Fry from our neighborhood at Randolph's Grove, did not know the others, Lee Ramey from Heyworth not expected to live, the boys eat too much green fruit, grapes and apples, a great deal of fresh meat, which is never half cooked or salted, Springfield is a very pretty place, nice blue grass prairie with some timber, suppose the 94 th has burned up three thousand red cedar posts which belong to the Secesh, we also have some very nice girls in town more pretty gals in Springfield than there are in Bloomington and they are for the Union to a man every single one of them...saw Bill today, he is quite well...
19.11	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by "Bill" to his "dear Brother" dated Oct. 26, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter, on patrolle guard, arresting all soldiers from our regt. There without a pass, Rebels stole the mail the other day, we were supposed to go after those who did it, Capt. Birch told every man who could carry a gun to fall in, some of them got sick right away and said they couldn't go, some ran off into the brush and hid, we were actually just going to get new guns, they sick boys got better immediately and looked sheepish, swapped our guns for the Enfield Rifle, bully guns, not near as heavy as the others, a little longer and easier to handle, will kill a secesh 1,000 yards away, no other company gets them but ours...weather, cool, wind, snow about two inches deep, all gone now, generally play Euchre every night from seven til nine, the last game determines who will get up and make a fire in the morning, paymaster came yesterday, when I get my money, I'm going to get my DAG type taken and send it up, going to put on my whole rigging, I am eight pounds heavier now, dinner almost ready, food prices...
19.12	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield by "Bill" to his brother dated Nov. 2, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd letter of the 24 th , busy guarding prisoners, surprised to hear on increase in James Gagely's family, (refers to Woodson as an Uncle)...paymaster arrived, plan to send some home, we may be sent back to Alton, Ill. With these prisoners soon, Geo. J. got your note,
19.13	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by "Horine" to his brother dated Nov. 8, 1862 concerning. . . Sergeant Thompson woke me up last night, asked if Jim Miller was in the tent, I said yes, then he asked if Ed. Wood (Ward) was in there, I told him he was, then he asked if W. H. Horine was in there, told him he wasn't, thought he wanted us to go on guard, he said he had a letter for Jim, Ed., and three for Horine, he said he wasn't going to give the mto me, I said I'd bust him in two, he laid them down and skedaddled, two letterd from you, one from George, stamp's in one, Parson Brownlow's speech in the other....were in battle for the first time, the rebels attacked us Thurs. night, drove them off

	after a couple of hours, woken up to yelling, fall in, Lieut. Hayes acted like he was crazy, whole company in line in about 1 minute, whole regt. In line in about 5 min, some of them had no coats, breeches or guns, never saw such skeedaddling, it was a false alarm, George Hays had an oyster bet with some of the officers of that Co. K would be the first out in line, he won, told us that we would have an oyster supper on New Years at his expense,
19.14	Transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo by "W. H. Horine" to his "dear Brother" dated Nov. 12, 1862 concerning. . . we are leaving for Little Creek, Ark., over the Boston Mountains, a road that no troop has traveled yet, may not be able to send letters for a month or two,
19.15	Transcript of correspondence from Somewhere in Mo. by W. H. Horine to his "dear Brother" dated Nov. 15, 1862 concerning. . . Serg Thompson came into our tent with two jars and a sugar box, the cakes and butter will go first rate, we left Springfield last Wed., got to a little one horse town about 15 miles southeast of Springfield, camped out here in the Ozark Valley...all is quiet on the Potomac, no skirmishes along the lines today, 2/3 of the regt. In the guard house for stealing everything they can lay their hands on, Colonel tells us to confiscate anything that has any secesh about it, we took a fence for firewood, good weather for several weeks, looks like rain tonight, write immediately.
19.16	Transcript of correspondence from White Oak Springs by W. H. Horine to "Wood" dated Nov. 17, 1862 concerning. . . forgot what I wanted to say in the last letter, want you to send me all the confederate script you can get your hands on, if it is \$1,000 I can sell it, ten dollars on the hundred, I can sell it for more the further south we go, fives and tens sell best, rain, muddy, excellent beds, confiscated a wheat stack for that purpose...
19.17	Transcript of correspondence from Camp on the James River, 15 miles southwest of Springfield by W. H. Horine to his "dear Brother" dated Nov. 21, 1862 concerning. . . stuck in the mud, rec'd your letter yesterday, have 3 letters to write today, when I wrote you the last letter we were on our way to Rolla, but ordered back down to Cross-Hollow, began to rain as we started, marched 30 miles, had to do without tents, blankets, grub, and everything else that night, built some huge fires, started again in the morning, our Co. detached as rear guard, whole train was 8 or 10 miles long, mud knee deep, had to help the wagons out, helped 6 or 8 wagons, think we won't stay here much longer, within 300 of the St. James River, better food than we've had in a long time, draw flour to make bread, biscuits, pancakes, slap-jacks, goes well with butter and preserves, ten men picked for parole guard, I was one of them, Ike Bray and me arrested 3 men without passes, you must have got a heavy crop of corn, tell Gabely that if he waits til next summer I'll help him gather his, what's wrong with him and his wife, haven't got a letter from either of them...if you have the paper with Boswell's letter about Co. K, please send it down, I haven't seen a paper in a month, also send some stamps, we'll march in the morning for Springfield, and probably to St. Louis from there
19.18	Transcript of correspondence from Prairie Grove by W. H. Horine to his "dear Brother" dated Dec. 22, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter along with 5 or 6 others, the first I've gotten since leaving Camp Curtis, can't answer them all,

	<p>scarcity of stamps, breakfast, “bulliest kind of biscuit, meat, hot coffee, and all the molasses we wanted,” we are getting decidedly fat down here, if we had women, we would get along with no trouble at all, Frank Miller and Cora Lyman are playing Euchre, excellent weather, suppose there’s enough snow for sleighing up north, would like to be up there for Christmas, working for Uncle Sam for \$13 a month, and without any prospect of getting it for 3 years or during the war, you didn’t send enough tobacco, what you did send was excellent, I could go for a good cigar, where are those papers you were going to send, I didn’t have a chance to get my “DAG type” taken, if you want more letters send stamps, send some Pantagraphs, this will probably get to you around Christmas...</p>
19.19	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Huntsville, Ark. by G. W. Howser to “Mr. Woodson Horine” dated Jan. 8, 1863 concerning. . . have had many hard times since I last wrote to you, I would like soldiering better if we didn’t get into scrapes like the one we got into on the 7th of last month with “the mean low life outrageous ridiculous scandalous ignominious Heaven defying Helldeserving gray backed black backed blue backed redbacked yellowbacked greasy backed rebels,” on the 7th of last month we saw about 25,000 rebels, we only had 5,000, they were on a hill or ridge in the timber, we were in an open field, a shower of fire and bullets we poured into the rebel ranks, we made the eastern part of Arkansas roar and tremble, rebels ran like Sam Hill before the 94th, “I beat the world and Tom Walker too,” fight only lasted 3 hours, from 3 to 6 in the afternoon, when we stopped shooting we had piled up 2,000 rebels, they killed about 800 of our men, and also shot me in the side of the neck, we made the rebels run over the Boston Mts. Clear to the Arkansas River, “Cousin Woodson I must come to a close by saying my wound is about well and we are all enjoying good health,” hope you are enjoying the same...</p>
19.20	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Carrollton, Ark. by W. H. Horine to “Horine” dated Jan. 13, 1863 concerning. . . haven’t gotten a letter from you in six weeks, what has got into you all, got a letter from George last week, got a couple papers too, been all over the state after Marmaduke, he’s trying to take Springfield, that’s played out, he got licked the other day, enclosed is a letter for George, send a couple of boxes of Grafenburgs pills, “They come very handy when a feller wants to shit and can’t,” roll them up in a copy of the Yankee Nation and direct to me...</p>
19.21	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Forsyth by “Bill” to his “dear Brother” dated Jan. 25, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d the letters you sent by way of Lieut. Barnard, have been on Provost Guard all too often, are to arrest anyone who shoots hogs, chickens or anything else, they can take them anyway besides shooting, I have no stamps, at Forsyth on White river waiting to cross, I think I see the tail end of the war now in the distance sneaking along, suppose you heard about Marmaduke’s strategic move on Springfield, he tried to do there what we did at Van Buren, Old Brown was too much for him, skedaddled, didn’t get far before Gen. Warner got hold of him, gave him another licking, after that came in contact with the state militia and they thrashed him again, Hindman, scared so bad at Prairie Grove that he’s still retreating, I wish I had shot Marmaduke, I was</p>

	in sight of him, he is a mean looking cuss, “as dirty and ragged as an old Irish man that just chucked out of a swill barrel,” Adam wants to know how I felt in the fight, was laying alongside the battery in a hollow for over an hour watching the artillery work, after a while I went to sleep til McNulta came around hollering fall in, “I loaded and fired as deliberately as if I was shooting hogs,” enclosed the kind of money we use down here, send me some postage stamps
19.22	Transcript of correspondence from Forsythe, Mo. by W. H. Horine to his “dear Brother” dated Jan. 30, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d letters of the 21 st and 22 nd an the Pantagraph, don’t get much news down here, don’t know when to believe it, we have all got across the river at last, rain, snow, melted, the Gewhalloper would have stood about 15 deg. Above zero, , still in Provost Guard, Capt. Burch is Provost Marshall, 20 federal prisoners from the 8 th Mo. Cavalry, they deserted, went home, stayed awhile and then came back, put in the Guard House for coming back, got orders to be ready to march, every man that isn’t ablr to march 500 miles will be sent back to Springfield, according to papers, thera appears to be a good many traiters up there negotiating with Jeff Davis to get the Western states to join his confederacy, George Howser visited today, he is still well and fat as a hog
19.23	Transcript of correspondence from Forsyth by G. W. Howser to “Woodson Horine” dated Feb. 11, 1863 concerning. . . we don’t drill much now, encamped on the north side of the White River, 40 miles south of Springfield, not a pretty part of the country, plenty of game here, turkeys and deer, squirrels are plenty, as to rebels we will have to go somewhere else where they are plentier, think we will move soon, some think to Batesville then to West Plains and Little Rock, provisions too low for that, even in Springfield state militia sent home on furlow... think we will go to Irontown and then St. Louis to recruit, then sent down the Mississippi to the state of Tenn. and probably to Vicksburg or Virginia, I understand there is a great deal of excitement in old McLean about Lincoln’s (Emancipation) Proclamation, men going about making speeches against the administration, too many rebels in the north, don’t see a possible chance of the war ending soon, enclosed a letter to Wilson Howser, I do this to save stamps, give my love to Aunt Sally and Uncle Adam
19.24	Transcript of correspondence from Nowhere, Mo. by “Bill” to his brother dated Feb. 20, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d letters from the 8 th and 11 th , marching, left Forsyth on the 16 th , got here on the 18 th , we are about 40 miles east of Springfield, suppose we are going to St. Louis, crazy weather, went jayhawking yesterday, got a canteen full of molasses, Beeves and Jim Miller and me went out again today, more canteens of molasses and apples, didn’t get bushwacked either, saw many wild turkeys, will try to catch some tomorrow, paymaster came around before we left Forsyth, I got \$21.65, Uncle Sam still owes me 4 months pay, gets me to hear that Sally Slaughter got married, she should have known that I would be home before long P.S. from Finley Creek, Feb. 21 st , nice morning, snow several inches deep, puts an end to my turkey hunt, will probably go towards Rolla on Monday,
19.25	Transcript of correspondence from Finley Creek, Mo. by (W. H. Horine) to his “dear Brother” dated Feb. 25, 1863 concerning. . . scribble you a line or two just

	for fun, not much to write about, rain, “the mud is considerably over ass deep now...(letter cuts off)
19.26	Transcript of correspondence from Mountain Grove by “Prof. Horine” to his “dear Brother” dated Mar. 12, 1863 concerning. . . I have been out scouting, hunting, and jayhawking, was out squirrel hunting this morning, didn’t go more than 3 miles outside camp for fear of being bushwacked, lots of bushwackers around here, they caught two of our boys the other day, took all their clothes and change and let them go, a citizen saw the transaction and came in and reported it, Capt. Burch took a scout to see about the matter, captured one of the cusses, was wearing the uniform he took from the cavalryman, we have 8 or 10 of the vipers now, fine weather, the road is drying up, I think we will leave here in a few days, and then “we will either whip Marmaduke and drive him out of the state or he will whip us,” our recruiting men got back yesterday, don’t know how many recruits they got, Al Heywood didn’t get any, they were so lousy that the orderly made Bill Leyton cut their hair short off, but he couldn’t cut it shorter than two inches off their heads for the lice, like maggots in a piece of meat, haven’t seen George and Pete Howser for some time, I got the tribune you sent...
19.27	Transcript of correspondence from Mountain Grove by W. H. Horine to his “dear Brother” dated Mar. 15, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d your letter of Feb 28 th , we leave here tomorrow, writing on an old crackers box, tremendously hot today, the Gewholloppers would “stand” about 75, taking in the bushwackers plentiful now, we got a capt. of the rebel army, he was at the Prairie Grove fight, I haven’t shot anyone for so long, Ike Miller, Jim Gagely must be crazy for paying \$300 a year for that darned little place, direct your letters to Rolla
19.28	Transcript of correspondence from Among the hills, Shannon Co., Mo. by (W. H. Horine) to his “dear Brother” dated Mar. 26, (1863) concerning. . . lying around and doing nothing, marching once in a while, we came from Mountain Grove seventy-five miles, nothing to do but lye around and loaffin about like a drove of hogs, bully weather, “Today is as nice as a woman,” plenty of work to do this summer in cleaning old Price out of this part of the Confederacy, we have got 12 or 15 bushwackers and confederate prisoners in the Guard House, one of them is a Capt. and another has been a Lieut. Col., one pretended to be sick and got away, 15 miles south of Rolla and 60 miles west of Ironton (letter cuts off)
19.29	Transcript of correspondence from Lake Spring by “Brig. Gen. Horine” to his “dear Brother” dated April 1, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d letter of Mar. 27 th , have been fishing and hunting, a creek full of fish, have nothing to do but take care of prisoners, “the weather is very exceedingly fine,” “clear and warm, bully weather for farming,” Adam used to talk about moving to Missouri, Maj. Gen. Herron came from Rolla and reviewed this division, I watched from atop a hill, I would have sketched it if I had thought of it, Whiskey is plenty, \$1 a pint, tobacco 10 cents a chaw, “The whiskey is ‘rogut’ and stricknine, and the tobacco is rotten,” it would be a good time for you to come down and see things, we’re only 12 miles from Rolla, you could make it here in 24 hours, I guess we’re not going to get any furloughs, We’ll probably stay here a month and then go south again, I got the papers you sent, send some more, “I must quit and go and take a game of ball...

19.30	Transcript of correspondence from Spring Lake by "Brig. Gen. Horine" to his "Dear Mamma" dated April 19, 1863 concerning. . . Wood is going to start home in the morning, send you a few lines by him, he has had a pretty good time here, , "he don't know anything about war yet," drawed our pay today, \$52, going to let Wood take most of mine home with him, I am keeping enough to get me home in case of furlough, I think I will sometime during the summer, "take care of my greenbacks for me," you can let people borrow it, just not old John Lindly, you and Wood can take what you want...
19.31	Transcript of correspondence from Spring Lake by W. H. Horine to his brother dated April 30, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd letter of the 24 th , you got home alright, allowed for you to have an adventure, I would have, I would have been alright when I got to St. Louis, if you had stayed, longer you would have seen an army on a forced march, cavalry and artillery, no infantry, all the cavalry and artillery in Rolla passed by here and went to Pilot Knob, flanked old Marmaduke like the devil, some infantry went to Knob through St. Louis, we would have gone if they needed us, but had enough to wipe out Marma without us, we get the St. Louis Democrat every night, Pete Howser got back yesterday, a lot of other boys got in today, one day behind time, the boys say they are under arrest for it, When I go home, I'll come back when I please, I think I'll be up there around the 4 th of July...Gen. thought the Rebels might whip our boys at Pilot Knob and then come on to us, ordered all the women and citizens to leave, was tough on the women, George Howser was just here, handed me some silver you sent me by way of Pete, I must quit, supper is ready...
19.32	Transcript of correspondence from Camp Lake Spring by W. H. Horine to his brother dated May 9, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd letter of the 23 rd , send my reply by Sam Haley, will save 3 cents, "Everything is in 'status quo' down here," no change in military affairs of the Army of the Frontier, (Old Jeffy, needs to look for a hole to hide in), devilish hot today, took a swim in the lake, another batch of furloughed boys is going to start, think it will rain today, has been thundering and "looks very rainified generally," Old Gen. Schofield has command of this department again, plenty of women down here, "they're as thick as 'har' on a dogs back, but there is no possible chance of having any fun or anything with them," they all belong to the officers, "that gal Mag wants me to come home and marry her...couldn't you get her out of that notion of marrying,"...
19.33	Transcript of correspondence from Camp Spring Lake by (William H. Horine) to his brother dated May 16, 1863 concerning. . . nothing of importance transpiring, Jonathan Howser 'Arrib', four of us playing 'Whiskey Poker' when he popped in, came down to see and take care of George or take him home if he can, George has been sick for some time, weather is clear and warm, I suppose you have finished planting corn long ago...(letter ends abruptly)
19.34	Transcript of correspondence from near Vicksburg, La by William H. Horine to his brother dated June 12, 1863 concerning. . . will scribble you a few lines, journey's end, at least by steamboat, within 4 or 5 miles of Vicksburg, can see the city very plain, doesn't look over, bombarding the city all the time, we can hear the cannons roar, the mortar boat is shelling the city, last night could see the shells as they fell into the city, unloading the boat now, I expect we will have to

	<p>help take Vicksburg, a dispatch carrier was captured from Vicksburg to Johnson, Pemberton said if he doesn't get reinforcements in 4 days, he'll have to surrender the city, pretty warm down here, "the gewlalloper would stand about eighty now," boats, gunboats, drum for us to fall in, don't know where we're headed, will finish letter later... Warrenton, 5 miles to the rear of Vicksburg, Miss, we traveled Grants Road yesterday, continued shelling, Grant has given Pemberton til Sunday noon to surrender, "if he don't do it we will bombard the place with every gun he has got till the city is tore to pieces," a good many troops here, "There is some nigger regt. down here. They look heavy I tell you."... Tell Mr. Gagely that I have the pictures that George Howser brought down, "that young one is a pretty heavy looking customer. He looks like one of these huge snapping turtles that inhabit the Miss. River," ...</p>
19.35	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by William H. Horine to his brother dated June 26, 1863 concerning. . . tonight suppose we will have to dig rifle pits, and tomorrow go on picket, have been on picket 3 times, everyday one of our company got wounded, two of them bad, one will not get over it, K made a charge on the rebels rifle pits and took one with 5 or 6 prisoners, Gen. Herron got the go ahead to lead a charge but only if he could find enough officers, but not to take privates without officers to lead them, not one of the Reg. T. L. officers was with us, Major Briscoe directed the affair, but at a safe distance, stayed behind our battery, "a darned coward," George Hayes our Lieut. Commander, "the news-paper Editors up there had better come down and take a look at things around here before they rip and stone about Grant, and ask why he don't take Vicksburg," ...all kinds of berries, plums, and apples are ripe down here,...</p>
19.36	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by (William H. Horine) to his brother dated July 7, 1863 concerning. . . Old Vicksburg is ours, marched into her on the 4th of July at 10 o'clock, one of the strongest fortified places that ever was I reckon, We made a bully good haul for Uncle Sam, took a tremendous sight of small arms, only three men wounded in our company during the three weeks in the rifle pits, the mess here is that Port Hudson has gone up, surrendered on the fourth, huge storm yesterday evening, blew down nearly every tent in camp, only rained a few drops, don't know if we'll go back to Missouri or stay her and garrison the place...</p>
19.37	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by (William H. Horine) to unknown dated July 7, 1863 concerning. . . enclosed a sheet of rebel writing paper, the color of the darned butternuts, and some of their confederate postage stamps, write immediately if not sooner, (on back, and note from John R. Chambers promising to pay W. H. Horine 3 cents with 10% interest) Genuine rebel writing paper, made of birch bark...</p>
19.38	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by William H. Horine to his brother dated July 15, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd letter of June 30th, I have written you 3 letters since we've been here and George 2 or 3, only rec'd one, from you, I can't pay 2 cents a sheet for paper and not get any answers, Port Hudson taken the other day, Our Regt. left to help catch Old Johnson, being slightly under the weather I didn't go with them, fighting not very far from her</p>

	<p>all yesterday afternoon, heard the cannon very plain, Johnson is hemmed in and will be taken in a day or two, 250 prisoners taken and sent to Vicksburg yesterday, reports here that old Lee has been whipped in Penn. And is cut off from Richmond, and is likely to be taken in, yesterday came news that Richmond was taken and burned, officers had a drink over the news, it may all be lies, corn is in roasting ears down here, peaches and apples are getting ripe, How are Mr. and Mrs. Gagely getting along, haven't heard from them since last winter, all in 'Quiet on the Potomac', my headquarters is in the first floor of an old secech house , it's been shot full of holes, , boys playing euchre...</p>
19.39	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Port Hudson, La. by "W. H. H." to his brother dated Aug. 2, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd your letter of the 1st of July, I have written 17 letter since I came down the river and have only received 2, after the boys got back from Yazoo City, we got on the boat, Herron's whole division, we were going to go to Galveston, but that place is taken now, expect we will go to New Orleans or Mobile, I would like to go to New Orleans, afraid the war will end before we get there, pretty devilish hot down here, 103 degrees in the shade will do for Illinois, but not here, nothing less that 120 or 125 will do for here, several heavy rains, the water ain't much cooler than dishwater, black root, bully for the chills...George W. Howser was here for dinner today, getting along first rate, fat as a hog, Pete not doing so well, George says he is pretty sick and getting worse all the time, our company only has about 15 men able for duty now, the boys were sitting around talking after dinner, some started fighting, a non-commissioned officer and a private, blood flew pretty freely, I am detailed to cook, with two others, for the company, and don't do any other kind of duty, "Lieut. Hays is one of the meanest man that ever lived I guess," cooks are always excused from roll call, he says we aren't, haven't been to a roll call yet and don't plan to...</p>
19.40	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans, LA. by "W. Horine, M. D."/ "W. H. H." to his brother dated Aug. 15, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd 5 or 6 letters from you fellers up there a few days before we left Port Hudson, we left Port Hudson on the 12th, the 19th Iowa and five Cos. of our Regt. was on board and forty or fifty sick men, saw more old plantations than you could count in a week, saw Col. Gridley in Bloomington, after the war is over I may come down and purchase "one of the largest and finest plantation I can find along the Miss. River," fixed up in a fine style, "the nigger houses are all standing off to themselves, all in straight rows," the overseers quarters is off a little from them, planter house is several hundred yards from it all, camped close to a place called Carrollton, everything is cheap down here, any amount of peddlers down here, "selling cakes, pies, cigars, tobacco, candy, milk and every other thing you can mention," all just as cheap as they are in Bloomington, plenty of lager beer outside the lines, darned pretty women here, mostly Dutch and French, can't understand half what they say, has rained nearly every day this month, "I suppose the Gewhollopper would stand at about 110 or 115 in the shade"</p>
19.41	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by "W. H. H. Com. Gen. of the Gulf" to his brother dated Aug. 30, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd a couple of Chicago Tribunes from you several days ago, plenty of New Orleans papers</p>

	<p>here, but they don't amount to much, found your letter of the 12th in one of the papers, you saved 3 cents, got the other stuff you sent, but no use for it, got over the ague some time ago, had a touch of the fever, a good many boys sick, our company has just 6 men out, about 200 men in the Regt. fit for duty, John Birchell is dead, first rate weather here now, "if it don't get warmer pretty soon I am going to have some of these old Pedling women to sleep with me of a night. It wont pay to freeze when so many of them are around and can keep a feller warm." Ole Banks reviewed the troops the other day, "I don't think the rebellion will flourish much longer," I think we will go to Mobile and capture it, of Gen. Gilmore takes Charleston the thing is about played out," I haven't tasted a peach or and apple yet this year, What became of Ike Miller, haven't heard from him in 6 months...</p>
19.42	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by "'Bill" Brig. Gen" to his brother dated Sept. 9, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd your letters of the 19th and 22nd some weeks ago, but was too much under the weather to answer them, got the stuff you sent, but no black-root, Dick Howser is down here, came down to see Pete, has been sick a good while, has furlough and will leave in a few days, you might come visit this business, George Howser is about well again, getting as fat as a shoat, Courtney Horine is going home on furlough too, don't mind if you send me a bushel or teo of peaches when they get ripe, peaches and apples are 5 and 10 cents apiece, onions, one and two for 5 cents, sweet and Irish potatoes 5 cents apiece, eggs are 5 cents apiece or \$1 a dozen, chickens are \$1 apiece, I think we can go home when Charleston is taken, Our division left four days ago and went up river, good weather, cool and nice all the time, Tell Mamma that if Jim Gagely wants to lift that note of mine, let him or any other feller, except John Lindley, I am going to send you some papers from New Orleans, don't know if I'll send them by mail or by Dock Howser, I may send this letter by Dock too...</p>
19.43	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Carrollton by "Bill" to his brother dated Sept. 23, 1863 concerning. . . received your huge letter and one from the 7th, will answer them both at once, refers to his brigade as the 'Quinine Brigade,' have moved to Carrollton Convalescent Camp, the Regt. is up the river near Port Hudson, a lot of rebels up there, in convalescent camp there are 118 here from our Regt., 14 from our Co., "It's a very bully nice place here," we can co on the cars to New Orleans or out to the lake whenever we want to, plenty of good things to eat, some say we are ordered to rejoin the regt. tonight, pretty cool here, weather of the 16th and 17th, "just about cold enough to freeze the Devil," would like to "chaw up a few of them huge free-stone peaches," be careful in the future about going to old Margraft and getting into scrapes, wouldn't mind being there myself long enough to [enjoy] a gallon or so of beer, furloughs are devilish hard to get, can't get one unless you are too sick to go home, don't care because the war is about over, write again soon...</p>
19.44	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Convalescent Camp by "Prof. Horine" to his brother dated Oct. 9, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd your letter of the 12th, I am feeling better, but still unable for duty, the weather is pretty cool now, nearly frosts at night, but pretty warm through the day, it rained for two days, wish you</p>

	<p>were down here, we could go to New Orleans, our regt. is still up the river, “the Rebs took in two regts. of our Div. up there the other day, news that our regt. was taken too, it’s about played out now, Old Capt. Burch has got a Lieut. Colonel Commission in a Negro Regt, he will be Lieut. Gen. before the war is over, he was the best Captain in the regt., there aren’t more than 8 or 10 men left in our Co. and they’re about all officers, III think the war is about over now, if only Rosencrens can “womp hell” out of old Bragg, that will be about the last of it, unless France sticks her nose in, if she does, she’ll get it frost bit, stop telling about those peaches up north, none down here, suppose those furloughed boys got home by now, more set out the other day, I think I will get one about next spring, did you get the New Orleans papers I sent, I’ll quit scribbling for now, “it[‘]s getting rather cool and our darky has got supper pretty near ready”</p>
19.45	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Carrollton, La. by “Prof. W. Horine”/ “Wm. H. Horine Maj. Gen.” to his brother dated Oct. 14, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d letter of Sept. 20th, I am getting along bully, fine weather, the boys are getting along first rate, cool at night, nearly frosted, rain, “I think I will have to get one of them old women in the tent with me tonight to lay up to keep me warm, that is if I can find a suitable one,” I was shocked to hear that ‘Adam’ read my letter to a whole congregation of people, somebody might misconstrue my motives, send some peaches down here instead of talking about them so much, apples are \$5 a barrel or 5 cents apiece, no peaches, “I don’t see why the Darned Pukes don’t bring down a lot of them, the paymaster paid the regt. yesterday, he’ll come to pay those at the convalescent camp in a day or two, I saw Dock Howser, left for home about a month ago, we’re part of the Army of the Gulf under Gen. Banks, it’s going into Texas to “lick the Rebs out of the state or gobble them up,” I don’t know whether I’ll go or not, I hardly think so, I’ll have to stop, it’s getting to cold to write...</p>
19.46	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Convalescent Camp, Carrollton by “Bill’ to his brother dated Oct. 20, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d your letter of the 4th, local items are numerous, but military items are very hard to get here, it takes over two weeks for a letter to get here from Bloomington, I could very near walk in that time, I should take this one myself or you won’t get it til Christmas, I think you’re getting demoralized up there, shooting spree, it won’t do, If I had been ther with my Enfield I could have beat the whole ‘bit,’ “you can’t conceive how hard these guns does shoot,” When we were seiging Vicksburg, we shot at some houses between five and fifteen hundred yards, after the siege, we camped din the houses, they were full of bullet holes, some went clear through the house, we’ll shoot into an oak tree and it will go in 6 inches, suppose you fellers are in the corn up there, the people down here are just beginning to raise vegetables, cabbage, tomatoes, beets, radishes, and turnips, cabbage heads as big as your fist, 20 cents, little cherry tomatoes are 5 cents apiece, 5 or 6 radishes as big as you finger for 10 cents...</p>
19.47	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by “Bill’ to his brother dated Nov. 1, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d your letters of Sept. 27th and Oct. 18th, I also rec’d one from George and one from M. Gagely, I was playing Euchre, Mrs. Gagely’s and one of yours visited Cairo, it being Sunday night, the “boys all</p>

	<p>gone to the ‘Nigger’ Church,” I’m getting along well, still in the convalescent camp, the Div. is going somewhere in Texas, I think to recruit, they took along a lot of guns and uniforms, going to move down to New Orleans tomorrow, you ought to be down here, there are more Secesh women that a mule could carry, sometimes the boys hook apples oranges and other things, cuss them and call them ‘Damned Thieving Yankees,’ burning of the day house, tell Adam not to sleep with such a large fire next time, “Tell the miller to look out for his toes the next time he goes to reach for a copperhead in a wagon,” I presume you are having cool weather up there, the first snow just jump in a sleigh and come down, people down here just working their gardens and planting seed, the summer is too hot for anything to grow, I’ll write a huge letter when I get to the Barracks...</p>
19.48	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by “Geo. W. Howser” to “Mr. Woodson Horine” dated Nov. 19, 1863 concerning. . . I was glad to hear from you, I am in good health, I am as heavy now as I ever was, since I last wrote, we have had a long and weary ride on the Great Gulf of Mexico, we left New Orleans on Sunday, Oct. 25th, with 19 steam ships in our fleet, nothing to be seen but water and sky geese and ducks, all well until six days out, began to look like a storm, ships began to rock and roll about like a cradle, horses in the stable below were thrown over each other in a frightful manner, the dishes and plates rattling, jingling, and rumbling onto the floor, breaking into pieces, our vessel screaming and cracking, I though it was time for the bloody 94th to go under, but our ship stood the 6 hour storm, saved all but one single man, he was cook on the ship, washed off deck by a wave, anchored near the mouth of the Rio Grande River, could not land due to the shallow water, had to run ashore on small boats, dangerous undertaking, a great many soldiers drowned before the whole division landed, took 3 days, we marched to Brownsville, the rebels heard us coming and fled, Brownsville is a nice little town, citizens here from all parts of the world, weather very warm, corn waist high, citizens have much silver, prices high, provisions scarce, a single meal costs \$1, pretty slim, butter is 75 cents a pound, the 94th and 20th Wisconsin are on provost guard, officers getting very strict, on duty 24 out of 48 hours, I am corporal of the patrol guard, have not seen cousin William since I left New Orleans, he was at the convalescent camp, I was sorry to hear of Uncle Peter’s death, my love to you all, especially Aunt Sally and Uncle A</p>
19.49	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by “W. H. Horine” to his brother dated Nov. 22, 1863 concerning. . . rec’d your letter of the 30th, I made a pretty extensive raid on the city this fore-noon, myself and one of the boys got a pass after breakfast, something new at every square, New Orleans is not any of your Heyworths, Shirleys and Bloomingtons that you can run over in fifteen minutes, the blocks ain’t like Bloomington, none of them are square, like a big wedge, Canal St. is the nicest, Clays Monument is on that street, lots of the streets aren’t over 20 ft. wide, look more like alleys than streets, this is a place for women, they are thicker here than at a Methodist Camp Meeting, the streets were blocked with them today, they put on more airs than a country stud horse, about 2/3 of them are Secesh, but they don’t say nothing, we have considerable</p>

	<p>fun with them sometimes, best not to fool with them too much, they smell too much of Secesh, I intend to have my dagtype took the next time I go up to town, I would have done it before, but we are starting to draw new clothing, haven't got it yet, won't wait any longer for it, will make do with what I have, drew our pay last week, 4 months, \$59.70, didn't draw out my \$49 worth of clothing, some of the boys drew 60 or 70 dollars worth, will send some of mine home, but don't want to risk sending it by mail, I'll probably wait awhile and send it by mail, no snow here yet, but just about cold enough, one day it will be warm, freezing the next, I must write George...</p>
19.50	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by William H. Horine ("W. Horine M. D.") to his brother dated Dec. 22, 1863 concerning. . . I have a dozen unanswered letters lying on my hands, it is too cold to write very long, we had ice on the morning of the 19th, pretty cold ever since, Col. McNulta came back the other day, I expect he is going home, the furloughed boys got back the other day, all but Pete Howser, all look first rate, fat as hogs, Court is stalking along here as though he commanded the post, he looks bully, a little too much duty to suit us, new guns to go on dress parade with, I went up town the other day and had my darg type took, I'm going to put it in this document...</p>
19.51	<p>Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by "W. H. Horine Brig. Gen." to his brother dated Dec. 27, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd you letter of the 13th, we are going out on some speculating expedition tomorrow, had our big Christmas Dinner, oysters, eggs, and hard tack and butter, rained, big thunderstorm, finally turned off into a regular Illinois Settle Rain, if it doesn't rain, I think e will evacuate the place tomorrow, a military movement that only myself and Gen. Banks know anything about, therefore I can't tell you what it is, I will inform you of the result of the expedition on our return, mentions a little affair concerning Woodson, I have no doubt the gentleman gathered you by the nape of the neck and walked you out of the hall, I don't blame him, I wouldn't allow anybody to monopolize my wife either, got a letter from George today, a rather large amount of marriages in prospect up there, I'm afraid the galls are just throwing themselves away, tell them if they want to make a good thing of it, just wait til this war is over, it's about bedtime and the boys are playing 'Seven Up'</p>
19.52	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Madisonville, La. by William H. Horine to his brother dated Jan. 17, 1864 concerning. . . haven't had much time to anything since we left the city, me and another were detailed to cook for the company, have been living off the Secesh, "just helped ourselves to their calves, sheep and hogs," the night we left New Orleans our boat ran ashore and got stuck in the mud, stayed stuck for two days and three nights, the whole fleet had to come to our relief, on some river, five miles up from the lake, an ugly looking place, nothing but a swamp, "the pinery is so thick it looks like it might be the Devils Den," aren't over two dozen houses here, half of them empty, a few old rebs, but quiet and peaceable, living in the best house we could find, all the conveniences of a family mansion, living in fine style, we have a commissary store close by, the best kind of sugar, we make molasses and taffy out of it, officers confiscated some nearby, they haven't found ours yet, expect a fight in a few days, considerable force of rebs some miles up the river, suspect they will</p>

	wax us if we don't look sharp, we ain't got over eight or nine hundred men here, and half of them are nutmegs, but they've sent to the city for four thousand more, we'll give them the best we got and then run, and being a little lame, I'll start now, Tell Pringey not to kill all the gam in the state with that old musket of his, for I want to take one hunt up there after the war, George was a mighty long time about marrying that Gall, I could have married a half dozen while he was at that one, I think you and Andy had better pitch in pretty soon or you won't get anybody after the war is over, You tell Sally that I got those socks, they are worth seven dozen of the darned army socks, I must quit and get dinner for the boys, most are out on picket today...
19.53	Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by William H. Horine to his brother dated Feb. 3, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter of Jan. 8 th , all the boys had to do was picket, no big Feeling officers to order us around every day, we only had one Lieut., the one I won the fires from, the darned skunk ain't paid me yet, never comes around more that once a week, he's a bully feller, the boys done and went where they pleased, we all got as fat as hogs, we lived off the Rebs much all the time, we helped ourselves to the cabbage, turnips, onions, and beets, we killed all the beef and mutton that we wanted, "Abe Lincoln might think himself fortunate if he had such good meals as I cooked for the boys," couldn't stay there, On Friday, got breakfast at 3 am and got aboard the "Gen. N. P. Banks" at five and got to the city at noon, a feller can go out whenever he wants to, the guard never halts anybody, a little cool today, but the weather has been pleasant for several weeks, from all accounts you are sowed in up there and froze, you better come down to Dixie where it ain't so cold, Pete Howser is orderly of our company now, Orderly Barnard is going home on furlough with a lot more in a day or two, Hillow, Ed. Woodard fooling about, didn't see the paper you sent me, some scoundrel probably purloined it for his own benefit, (indication that Horine drew some strawberries on the page) Try a strawberry, see if they're good...
19.54	Transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by (William H. Horine) to his brother dated Feb. 9, 1864 concerning. . . haven't had any letter since we got back from over the lake, things proceeding as usual, Bob Wilkinson is orderly sergeant of this Co. now, the position was offered to me, I declined it, Orderly Barnard has gone home on furlough, a lot of the boys sent home on furlough in the last few weeks, orders for the convalescent camp to be cleaned out, consequently, we all leave for Texas tomorrow, us cooks ordered to have two days rations cooked for every man in the camp (letter ends abruptly)
19.55	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Cameron Co., Tx. by "G. W. H. Horine" (George W. Howser) to his "dear cousin (Woodson Horine) and friends" dated Mar. 20, 1864 concerning. . . rec'd your letter of the 19 th , glad you are having good times in Illinois, "I should like very much to be with you at times when you are having such big dinners and so many pretty young union loving ladies skipping around, " "I do not now see how it is that you can be with so many of the finer sex and not get one in such a fix so that you can say to her You are my property come with me," I presume it will not be long til I hear of Woodson Horine and some young miss of McLean Co. being annex to the

	<p>United States of Matrimony, I am a provost guard and have been since I arrived down here, the regiment still quartering on the South side of town, but think we wil move to the Forte about a mile below town opposite Matamoros, they are fortifying very strong here, building several lofty lookouts so that the whole country within 10 miles can be seen in a glance, a beautiful sight, I am now guarding prisoners, some are soldiers and some are rebels, about 35, if you want to know what I've been up to this winter, go and see a letter I wrote Brother John which I sent home, I don't have space to tell you ¼ of what I've seen and underwent since we have come to this place, would be of interest to you and cause you to laugh, patrolled the streets of the town for about 6 weeks, had scalely times, changed to the old prison to guard prisoners for 5 weeks, then sent to the Ferry to receive passes and inspect goods, remained at this until about a week ago, changed to posting guards again, yesterday I was sent to the new prison, I went over to se Will yesterday morning, he has been sick with "Brake Bone Fever," it does not kill anyone and Will is about well, my compliments to you and the rest of the family</p>
19.56	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by "W. Horine, M. D." to his brother dated Mar. 26, 1864 concerning. . . have rec'd 3 or 4 letter from you since I've written any, got two yesterday, from the 21st and 26th of Feb., next time you write me a letter I want you to finish it before you go playing "seven up," I would have written sooner, but as you know I have been sick for several weeks, I have written several letters today already, don't know whether I can write much more, don't believe I have anything to write about, George Houser was up here a little while the other evening, he is getting along fine, So Jim has moved to Cheney's Grove, I thought he was going to Iowa, I presume you will be planting corn before long, I believe I will be there to help you gather it next fall, "I think me and Lincoln will put down the rebellion by that time," heard that Gen. Sherman had been whipped some place or another, we don't know what's going on here, Old Jeff Davis might be dead and the war over and we wouldn't know anything about it, Why don't you stick in a paper in the office once in a while, I want you to send me a paper at least once a month, Boswell is publishing a paper here in Brownsville, he calls it the Loyal National Union, it's very heavy, I will send you a copy of it, I sent George yesterdays paper, it is extremely windy here, sand and dust flies up, looking out of the window, there goes a Mexican gall, pretty good looking too, Do you recollect Ed. Lyman, you got acquainted with him at Lake Springs near Rolla, he has been enquiring after you, I suppose we will stay here for the balance of our time, which is seventeen months, no prospect of us leaving in the future...</p>
19.57	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by William H. Horine to his brother dated Mar. 27, 1864 concerning. . . will scribble you a few lines to let you know how matters stand in this country, I am getting along as well as can be expected considering the 'situation,' I can begin to toddle around a little now, having an enormous heavy storm today, "if a feller goes out for five minutes he has to take the spade and dig the sand out of his ears when he comes in before he can hear anything," everything proceeding as usual, no change in the military program, everything is quiet on the Potomac, Old Marmaduke has cut off our</p>

	supply of beef, a force has been sent out to see about the matter, I've enclosed the paper I said I would send, I want you to send me the latest paper, we heard today that we have been licked again in Florida, I must see into this business...
19.58	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by "W. Horine, L. L. D."/"W. H. Horine Maj. Gen." to his brother dated April 7, 1864 concerning. . . rec'd your big letter of March 11 th , don't have much to communicate, I am devilish scarce of paper, only have one and a half sheets, already negotiating for a new supply, we have made a scientific move since I wrote you last, we moved from town to Fort Brown, a good deal better and nicer here than up town, devilish hot here yesterday, sweat rolled off a feller lying in the shade, rained a little last night, cooler today, everything going on as usual, all is quiet and peaceable on the Potomac, "what's the use of one's Genius Abilities and Qualifications as a Scientific Writer and Orator Being Uselessly thrown away when one has nothing to communicate," I want you to send me about 50 cents worth of postage stamps, no stamps to be got here, don't forget to send a paper now and then...
19.59	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville by William H. Horine to his brother dated May 3, 1864 concerning. . . rec'd your letters of April 2 nd and 3 rd , they were heavy letters, I've written 7 letters to your 1, if paper is getting short up there, let me know and I will send you a supply that will last all summer, those were the first letter's I've has since the last of March, not much personal news or local news, I'm getting along bully, I haven't done any duty since the first of March, I've been lying around and taking things easy, but I am going to work tomorrow, just to see how it agrees with me, I'll let you know the result in my next letter, considerable excitement in camp for the last week or so, one night an attack was expected, the picket was reinforced and several pieces of artillery sent with it, several heavy guns were mounted on the partly finished fort, the Rebs didn't come that night and haven't come yet, though they are expected every day, They've got more brass than I think they have if they want to pick a fight with us, pleasant weather here now, it rains every few days for a change, it never more than sprinkles though, it must have rained hard not far from here, the Rio Grande rose about 5 feet since this morning, P.S. I'd like to have a paper... "to be continued."
19.60	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by "Bill" to his brother dated May 11, 1864 concerning. . . was astonished and amazed yesterday to receive a prodigious pile of mail matters, four papers and two letters, The Chicago Tribune, Daily and Weekly Pantagraph, one letter from you and one letter from George, and the budget of Fun, I think form Ike Miller, can't be sure, no name to identify the author, your letter was dated the 24 th of April, contained a profusion of postage stamps, just in the nick of time, but the letter you spoke about informing me of that 'ditching' operation has not come, doubtless some unscrupulous rascal purloined it, "-Shakespeare-" everything is in the status quo, the excitement of the attack has blown over, no more danger is expected immediately, more danger of us starving at the present, ain't had much to eat for a week or so, didn't issue anything but musty hardtack and a little coffee, boys decided they couldn't go on duty everyday without something to eat, we began

	to make some demonstrations, hinting that a raid on the commissary's department would be productive of good results, we concluded to try it, but the officers took the hint in time to stop any serious outbreak by issuing us full rations, there is a rumor going around that grant has taken Richmond, but the report lacks confirmation, also a report that we shall leave here shortly, probably for the Red River, anywhere is in preference to this, fleas, I'll bet \$5 that there's ten bushels on every acre of ground in Texas, I'm sitting in my bunk four feet from the ground and constantly scratching, they are as big as young pigs, "cuss the fleas."
19.61	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by "W. H. H." to his brother dated June 1, 1864 concerning the heat and the fleas. . . rec'd your letter of May 15 th , the first communication I received from you since sometime in April, don't need to lie and say you write every week, for if you do, I don't get them, devilish wind, looks like rain, has been pretty hot for 3 or 4 days this past month, "On Monday the thermometer stood 100 deg. And on Tuesday 104," outrageous for civilized people to live in, "I think we will be a darned sight blacker than these Mexicans by the time the war is over," I think we can stand it as long as grant keeps licking hell out of the Rebs, that is if these fleas don't "completely annihilate and eat us up," they are thicker than maggots on a dead hog and they won't stop short of biting a piece out of you as big as your hand and sucking half pint of blood, I am going to begin writing a book very shortly concerning me and my experience/adventures with the little devils to be entitled, "Desperate and Scratching Times in Texas or Six Months in Hell," the Army of the Potomac ain't quiet just now, Grant seems to have wakened it up, The Col. had the Regt. in line before his tent the other evening and informed us of just what is in the dispatches that you sent me, he said it wasn't certain whether Richmond was taken yet or not, but it would be in the course of time, I want you to go to a news store and get a Brother Jonathan and send it to me immediately...
19.62	Transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Fort Brown, Tx. by "H. Horine" to his brother dated June 17, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter of May 21 st , got the Tribune you sent on the 27 th before your letter of the 21 st , no wind today, warmer than usual, we generally have a cool breeze from the Gulf, I wouldn't mind staying if it weren't for the fleas, my fingernails are worn so short that the ends of my fingers are actually getting sore, I don't know what I will do if we stay here much longer, unless they invent a scratching machine of some kind, I have an idea that they will drive most of us crazy, we got the news last night that grant has Gen. Bragg, Davis, & Co., I have yet to receive that story you spoke of, I will pass my judgment concerning its merits, correct mistakes, overhaul, and recapitulate the whole work, and when finished, if fitting, I will give it a wide circulation, , provided that I am remunerated sufficiently, in other words, I'll act as an agent for you, it should be an interesting work as it comes from the 'Candle Factory,' especially if 'Scoopwell' figures in it, ain't any prospect of movement in this department, everything is as it has been for the last 6 months, including the fleas, healthy place here, if a feller wants to die he has to get somebody to shoot him or drown himself in the river
19.63	Transcript of correspondence from "W. H. Horine" to unknown date unknown

	<p>concerning. . . “Page Five,” By Jove, I haven’t got through writing yet, I had to nip it short on page four because I had to get supper ready for the boys, I am cooking for the company with one assistant, I was somewhere about the candle factory or E. Stouts Grocery Store, Maj. Briscoe and the inspecting officer around inspecting our quarters, these officers are very ready and energetic in displaying their courage, red tape and authority in camp when there is no danger, but when it comes to going into a fight some of them would be like a certain 1st Lieut., in our Co. there at Vicksburg, most devilish hot here today, I thought it was warm yesterday, but there is no comparison to today, it’s eight o’clock and calm and I judge the Gewhollopper is about...dried up, if it isn’t it’s as high as it can go, must quit, write again...</p>
<p>19.64</p>	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Fort Brown by “William H. Horine” to his brother dated July 12, 1864 concerning. . .rec’d your letters of the 10th, 19th, and 20th of June, just finished my dinner of hardtack and beans, I will answer all three letters at once, one of your letters contained news from the seat of war in Virginia, I also received a Chicago Tribune, the Potomac Army is doing remarkably well at this time considering who commands it, now if Lincoln would give me the command of it, you might say Richmond is ours in three days, But, I suppose Ulyses knows what he is about, I think that after Andy won’t be fooling with snakes, since he got himself bit by one, everything as usual in this dept., some excitement a week or so ago, occasioned by the advance towards this facility of five or six hundred rebels, they captured a picket post of 20 or 40 men about 30 miles from here, came within 10 or 15 miles of this place, trying to capture our trains, one day gen. Herron received a dispatch stating that he would be in Brownsville, expected the rebs every minute, but didn’t see them, I think this is the last time I will address you from this place, expecting marching orders, have been taking the guns and ammunition out of Fort Brown since yesterday, the fort has just been completed and was dedicated on the 4th of July, rumors that the place is to be evacuated, others that only some of the troops are going to leave, for further particulars enquire at the Candle Factory or at E. Stouts Grocery Store, weather is fine and pleasant with a shower every once in a while, this is the first letter I’ve written since June 1st...</p>
<p>19.65</p>	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Hd. Qrs. Co. K by “Prof. Horine”. “Wm. H. Horine Brig. Gen.” to his brother dated July 20, 1864 concerning. . . I picked up a novel, titled “The Life of Col. Monroe Edwards,” I found it pretty interesting, but the fleas bothered me so much I gave up in despair, warmer than usual, makes the fleas worse, the wind blows like the devil, shakes the bunk so that I can hardly write, one of the boys wants me to play ‘seven up’ with him, I beat him yesterday and he wants to try again, I think I am a master at the game and can beat any man alive, told him I had no interest, I wrote you a letter telling you of the prospects of leaving here shortly, transpiring events have put the suspicion beyond a doubt, everything is taken out of Fort Brown but a few heavy guns, they will be the last to be moved as they may be needed before we evacuate, the brick and stuff that it is composed of that it of value is being taken out and sold, the fort is to be entirely destroyed with all the rest of the works and forts around the city, we are either greatly needed at some other point or there is an</p>

	<p>overwhelming force marching on this place that is of no use to contend with, where we're headed is a mystery, Gen. Herron will not know himself until we get out on the Gulf, he has sealed orders, this will be the last letter you'll get from me from this place, all the commissary stores are sold except five or ten rations, I believe that we are going up the Miss. River somewhere, I will tell you when we get there, address your next letter to the 94th, without naming any locality...</p>
19.66	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Fort Brown by "Wm. H. Horine Brig. Gen." to his brother dated July 23, 1864 concerning. . . nothing to do, though t I would scribble you a few lines, devilish hot down here, tremendously hot, , I could fry meat without fire today, if we had any, has been most thundering warm for a week now, today is the hottest day we have had this summer, have got a shade up through our alley, there aren't many boys in camp at a time, about half are on picket, old Ford, that rebel scoundrel is sneaking around here again, as all the guns are moved from the fort he contemplates pouncing on us, I thought we would have left by now, but they don't seem in any hurry, but we better get away as soon as convenient or there won't be many in the Regt. fit for duty very shortly, about one half of the boys have scurvy, if we stay much longer they will all have it, but I think we will leave sometime next week, the 94th will only go as far as the Point at present, so they say we will have to stay here about a month, notice will have to be given to Foreign Nations before the port can be closed, and we will have to hold the place til the time is out, the citizens, store-keepers and everybody else has left Brownsville and gone to New Orleans, I guess they think they are better off with the Yanks than the Rebs, how is Andy getting along with his snake bite, when you write inform me where to direct a letter so that it will find Jim Gagely and his 'Frow,' I haven't had a letter from them in four or five months and want to give them a piece of my mind on that subject...</p>
19.67	<p>Transcript of correspondence from rear of Mobile by William H. Horine to his brother dated Aug. 15, 1864 concerning. . . respond to the letter I received when I arrived in New Orleans, relate the particulars of the Journey across the Gulf, the day before we left Brownsville we had a powerful rain, water knee-deep all over camp, waded around with our breeches rolled up until we left the Den of Fleas, we got to the Point the next night, next afternoon we got aboard a small steamboat, three companies only, N, I, & H, started across the Gulf, was awful rough, we got to New Orleans on the 4th of August, landed at Carrollton the same evening, laid on the bank of the river with two days rations in our haversacks, next we moved up the 'Shell Road,' put up a camp, orders to move, got aboard a steamship, down to New Orleans, we run into Mobile Bay, run up to Fort Gains, which surrendered that morning, next day taken around to the rear of Fort Morgan which the Rebs still hold, a devilish strong work, it has 100 guns and 1,000 men in it, if I was going to charge it, I would want a squad of men to go with me, there are plenty of troops here, gunboats, take them by water, I think we will take them in a few days and then to Mobile, the gunboats are shelling..., it has rained every day since we landed here til today, we have plenty of fresh water here, but wood is rather scarce, it's pretty warm too, I must quit, I will give you the particulars in a day or two...</p>

19.68	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Fort Morgan by “Wm. H. Horine Brig. Gen.” to his brother dated Sept. 3, 1864 concerning. . . rec’d your letters of the 14th and 17th, got one the day we got to New Orleans from Texas, left Brownsville on the 27th of July, I wrote you on the 12th of August, I think, you are aware of the surrender of Fort Morgan, we took it, I would have written after the surrender, but I had no time, busy moving camp, also, I am determined not to write fourteen or more letters for every one I receive, don’t have as much fun with the rebs as I wanted, they give up too soon, on the evening of Aug 21st, the rebs commenced shelling our camp, we had to sleep in our “Bom-Proff.”, the next morning our batteries and the gun boats all opened on the poor old doomed fort, magnificent to look at from a distance, kept up til the next morning when the rebs surrendered, had to move camp again yesterday, close by the fort now, VOLUME 2, I don’t have anything else to do, but have a heavy supply of paper, describes camping ground, 25 yards of the waters edge, I take a good swikm every morning, it rains here nearly all the time, had a thunderstorm this morning, blew lots of tents down, storms come from every direction, weather, haven’t had anything but crackers, meat, coffee and sugar, once we got flour instead of hard-tack, but with no way to make bread, we had to make slap jacks, I got soda crackers and cheese, 50 cents a pound each, so ‘PAP’ Shawn has been babbling, I have been hard of hearing since this time last year when I had the fever at Carrolton above Orleans, has been getting worse since I had that fever in Texas, I think me and Adam are about the same now, if it doesn’t get better, I think I will negotiate for a furlough or a discharge, I am not capable of doing duty the way I am, I would like for you to send a paper once in a while, when you write the next time, tell Mamma to stick a needle or two in it if she has them to spare, mine got wet some time ago and rusted...</p>
19.69	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by William H. Horine to his brother dated Sept. 10, 1864 concerning. . . has been some time since I wrote, during which I’ve rec’d 5 or 6 letters from you, the reason I haven’t written is because I have been destitute of stamps, I had to borrow a stamp to send you the last letter I wrote you, in which I sent a dollar for stamps and other stuff, haven’t seen them yet, a boat or two just arrived from New Orleans, I don’t know if they’ll bring mail or not, Two days later, neither boat brought mail, one came in yesterday with mail, I rec’d your big letter of the 19th of Sept., no stamps, you won’t get a letter til you send stamps, awful weather on the night of the 7th, worse than any hurricane that ever existed, half the tents in the regt. were down, the way the sand blew, couldn’t see over 100 yards, devilish cold, sand drifts as big as young mountains, reminded me of a snow storm in Illinois, kept on for two days and nights, calmed down this morning, today it is clear, calm, and hot, paymaster came yesterday, paying our regt. today, nearly six months due us, but we only get 4 months pay, they have been at it (distributing pay) all day, by 8 o’clock at night have only gotten as far as Co. E, pay the rest of the boys tomorrow, don’t know when I’ll send this, but I’ll keep answering your letters until I get some stamps...</p>
19.70	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by William H. Horine to his brother dated Sept. 12, 1864 concerning. . . rec’d your letter of Aug. 19th,</p>

	<p>nothing going on that's worth relating, everything has been quiet on the Potomac since we took Fort Morgan, laying back in the shade in my tent, like many of the boys, I got the scurvy slightly, broken out on one of my legs in a kind of a big bile, consequently I am unfit for duty, a good breeze most days, sometimes the nights are devilish cold, One night I almost froze, got a cold, just getting over it now, I think I will have to emigrate south before long, several nights ago a squad of over 100 men from our regt. was sent up towards Mobile to destroy some Rebel salt works, they accomplished the job completely and to the satisfaction of all, they brought back a lot of beef cattle, killed the next day, given to us to devour, the night before last another party went up, heard heavy cannonading up that way, some 25 or 30 miles from here, haven't heard from them yet, one of our gunboats went up to look into the affair awhile ago, it will give them thunder, I don't care about how much you talk about trashing wheat, oats, rye, flourseed, but you needn't mention those watermelons if you don't want to, Tell Pringey to eat enough for him and me both, getting pretty warm and am sweating profusely, dinner is nearly ready, I don't know whether I can get a stamp for this letter or not, if I can't, you will have to pay 5 cents to get this, I will enclose fifty cents for some stamps, send them immediately, send a paper every once and awhile too, send some readable matter, enclosed some cash to send something readable, enclosed \$1.50...</p>
19.71	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by unknown, signed "Old Abe "Linkern"" to unknown dated Oct. 1, 1864 concerning. . . A sermon delivered by Old Dry on the Ridge between the Devil's Half Acre and his Den, his Jack Screws are set, 11th verse and 3rd chapter of the Book of Lincoln, Book of Linkern, many are ignorant about this book, another book, called the Book of this Government, this book is as old as the government itself, in it you will find the Book of Linkern, George Washington wrote the first book in the Book of Government, each presidential reign makes a book, each year a chapter, each month a verse, , our text has three tails and one head, I will give you the text in a scatter gun fashion, the person who has got his jackscrew set is old Abe linkern, and the Jackscrew is the Laws of the Land, if we continue to violate the law, we will all be jacked in, "it declared that the nigger was not a man, but property like a hoss, but Linkern knowed better and begin to set his jackscrew to Jack us in...then we sed that the nigger was a descendant of Ham and they were Canaanites cussed and forced to be slaves for ever, but Old Linkern gathered up the old bible for it was a great Jack Screw, and he read from the tenth chapter and 4th verse of Mat...then we said that the nigger was not made of the same blood of other people, but Linkern Red Acts from the 17th Chapter and 26th verse that God had of one blood mad all nations of the earth..." we went from one violation to another, Linkern had his Jack Screws all around us, C.L. Valandigum helped us raise the jackscrew out of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, commensed in Ohio by persuading us to resist the draft, and soldiers to desert, and we would hide them when they came home, when we thought we had everything safe in the shape if Burnside and Jacked Valandigum out of Ohio and into Dixie's land to live and die a Jeff Davis man, in come John Brough and built a Jack Screw of the People's votes so strong that all hell could not raise it, , we</p>

	<p>thought he was doing big things at head quarters in Ohio, do something on a small scale in Shelby county Illinois, so we commenced at Sand Creek by way of Convention, Old Billy Williamson Chairman, and we swore by the Eternal (Jeff Davis) that “we would not give another man another dollar to support this Nigger War, and we would resist the draft and hide Deserters unto death,” Murdock Provost Marshall jacked all our deserters right away from us and back in the army, we thought to get up a big thing at Springfield, we said the further prosecution of war was offensive to our Southern Bretheren, the people said Down with traitors and the volunteers rolled in as thick as musquetoës in fly-time...we thought to do the work in Shelbyville when we had our little pamphlet, The Oak Augh Patriot in Blast, a handmaid to Fernandy Would’s New Gospel of Peace, as we got a good way into throwing our tracts broadcast to the people, up came P.W. Johnson with his Union, he jacked our pamphlet of Shelbyville into nothing, we tried our hand by shutting Capt. Smith and Chafee out of our school houses, we would not let them speak to the people about this rebellion, shall we fly into the land of Jeff and cry unto slavery our God to hide us, I fear we cannot escape the sharpness of his eye and the power of his screws, A-men...indication of a picture, “Old Abe ‘Linkern’”</p>
19.72	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by William H. Horine to his brother dated Oct. 12, 1864 concerning. . . rec’d your letter of Sept. 22nd, I have taken in 6 or more from you within the last three weeks, and have answered them all, I bet you haven’t received any of them, because I haven’t sent any of them, stamps, lent the adjunct ‘frank’ five or six of them, didn’t want you to have to pay 5 cents apiece for them, opened your letter today, thought I felt a huge lot of stamps inside, have a dozen letters written and ready to send off, instead of stamps I found needles, ‘Jack’ was stole, a rascally piece of business, no doubt it was copperheads stealing for the benefit of the ‘Southern Confederacy’ principally for the Bushwackers in the border states, I should like to have some of those apples you spoke of, nothing unusual in camp, fine weather after the storm, I suppose I could get a discharge if I was to apply for it and wanted one, but this here Rebellion isn’t squashed yet, and we got to squash it or it won’t be squashed, and I got a grudge against the rebs anyhow and want another pull at them, I think I’ll reenlist the first opportunity and go in for three more years or during the war...</p>
19.73	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by William H. Horine to his brother dated Oct. 22, 1864 concerning the upcoming election. The letter records a vote taken by Co. K and Co. G, which the author planned to sent to the <i>Pantagraph</i>. . . . rec’d your letter of Sept. 31st, along with several papers, perused with immense satisfaction, they were as welcome as a glass of lager, took in the stamps with great avidity, had a huge pile of manuscripts to dispatch, I would have answered your letters sooner, but have been scarce of paper, was awaiting an arrival of supply from New York, I haven’t been doing anything for the last month and a half, devilish cold since we had that hurricane about two weeks ago, we are out here at the end of an island a quarter mile wide and thirty miles from the mainland, Lake Pontchitrain, wind, cold last night, suppose the Gerhollopper would have stood between forty and fifty, fingers are cold and</p>

	<p>numb, we'll freeze this winter if we stay here, that is if we don't starve first, our company draws "50 lbs of bacon, 100 lbs of crackers, two days rations of soft bread, ½ lb. loaves, 1 to each man per day, 15 lbs of beans, 40 lbs of sugar, 8 lbs of coffee, a little soap, ¼ of a candle to the man, for five days, 44 men, crackers are issued three to the man per day, we always run out of grub before 5 days are up, and have to go and get bread from the bakery, prices of local produce, Old Middleton, our sutler, came here from New Orleans with a heavy supply of goods, several barrels of apples and 3 or 4 cheeses, 3 little apples for 25 cents, sold out before night and left the next morning, the regt. drew 20 barrels of onions, scurvy bad amongst the boys, I had a touch of it in one of my legs about a month ago, but I got me some onions, potatoes, dried apples, pickels, etc, the doctor also gave me medicine for it, which I didn't take, news from Sheridan in the Shenandoah, old Early will hunt his hole now, I think Grant and Sheridan will have the rebel Capitol before long, Old Abe's election will help but down the rebellion more than anything else, of course he will be re-elected, the 94th took a vote, send the results up home to be published in the Pantagraph, to let the people know where the soldiers stand on the question, Co. K, Old Abe-43, Little Mc- none, Co. G, Old Abe-38, Little Mc-4, Valandigham-1...you will see the results in the Pantagraph before long, send me a copy of the paper, I can soon inform Sally about by prospects for a discharge, I have not directly applied for one yet, I saw the doctor and had him examine my ears, said he nor any other man could do them any good, he has been working on them, after he satisfies himself that he can't do me any good, he will finally give me my walking papers, tell Sally she will oblige me by sending along the socks, don't forget to send me some readable papers, paper with no continued stories preferred, prices of papers and magazines..</p>
19.74	<p>Transcript of correspondence from Mobile Point by "Bill Horine" to his brother dated Nov. 10, 1864 concerning. . .rec'd your letter of Oct. 22nd, I accept your offer to send me writing materials, Old John Lindly, raining like the devil, comes through the tent and makes my paper wet, Roll Call, I'll quit til tomorrow, devilish cold, wind blowing like the devil, thundering cold, think I shall evacuate the place before long, haven't been doing anything for the last 2 months, except boss around a little, hasn't been scarcely any duty since we took Fort Morgan, except a little fatigue now and whenever a boat come in and has to be unloaded, there is now a camp guard around the regt. takes 40 to 50 men every day, on duty every other day, can't get outside the lines without a written pass from the Capt. and signed by the Col., it is all a feller can do to get out to the Sheriff's office to transact his business with that functionary, it's only red tape putting on style and disciplining the army, news is very meager and uninteresting, haven't seen a paper of any kind since the ones you sent, I think I will have to assume command of this department tomorrow morning, I'll bring things around to their proper standing in the shortest possible space of time imaginable, I'll quit for this time, "More 'Anon'."</p>
19.75	Photocopies of documents 19.1 - 19.74
Folder 20:	Jackson, Andrew (94 th , Co. D)

20.1	Photocopy of typed document titled “Copy of letter printed in the daily bulletin July 23, 1915” –letter dated July 7, 1863 , addressed to Calista Dawson and Mary Jackson of Padua, IL, written from Vicksburg, Miss., by Andrew Jackson, concerning. . . picket duty and the events of July 3, 1863. . . wounded, one man shot in the head, but will get well. . .31,800 prisoners at Vicksburg. . . Blackwater. . . wishes her a good 4 th of July, wishes he could have been with her on 4 th , could have had a candy party, hopes to be back in the fall for apple cuttings. . . written on “rebel paper”. . . Isaac Dawson, Little Jerry Weldon, John Hughes, George Yost. . . William Rop died
20.2	Photocopy of typed document –Biography of Daniel Jackson from “History of McLean County, Illinois”

Folder 21:	Kent, George (33 rd IL, Co. G & 88 th IL, Co. C)
21.1	Bound reprint of August, 1864 Diary of George Kent
21.2	Bound reprint of November, 1864 Diary of George Kent
21.3	Typed biography of George Kent
21.4	Photocopy of correspondence from Nashville by George W. Kent to “Frank” dated May/Mar. 19, 1865 concerning. . . enclosed \$5, give to your mother, see if the shoemaker will sew up your harness. . .cattle and mules. . . corn, oats, hay. . . (88 th Regt. Paper)
21.5	Transcript of document 21.4
21.6	Transcript of Nov. 1864 Diary (21.2)
21.7	Transcript of Aug. 1864 Diary (21.1)
21.8	Photocopy of handwritten note on George W. Kent – biographical information
21.9	Original letter from Carolyn Kent Winterroth to Greg Koos date unknown concerning donation
21.10	Transcript of Sept. 1864 Diary of George W. Kent

Folder 22:	Mason, Amos (34 th IA, Co. E)
22.1	Typed biographical information on Amos Mason, written by Bill Kemp in June, 2004
22.2	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Lawman, Burlington, IA by Amos Mason to his father dated Sept. 28, 1862 concerning. . . his health, “afflicted with the diarrhea,” and his enlistment in the U. S. Army for a term of 3 years, rendezvoused at Fort Desmoines, then Chariton, then Burlington, perhaps 2 months of training, then to St. Louis. . . described camp life. . . standing guard is the hardest. . . reasons for enlistment, ideological and theological commentary. . . asks his father to visit him, “start on the morning train at Bloomington”. . . tolerable crops. . .

Folder 22a:	Leeper, Frank (8 th IA, Co. A)
22a.1	Decatur, April 21, 1861 - Frank Leeper responds to the letters sent by his sisters [Lizzie and Maggie] through their brother William, and informs them of his

	<p>taking a position as first corporal in the army. He leaves for Springfield the next day. He mentions getting a leave of absence to visit them, and assures them that their brother William will not be joining up as he is too young. He promises to write every week.</p>
22a.2	<p>Camp Defiance, Cairo, May 11, 1861 – Addressed to his sisters in Bloomington, IL. Lizzie and Maggie’s letter to Frank dated May 4th was received by Frank on May 10th. He describes his barracks and living accommodations, and the recent weather, the health of the company (of 78 men only six are in hospital). He mentions trouble in St. Louis and the apprehension of a secessionist spy. He describes the excitement of the previous evening when a boat captain sent a rocket up to communicate with his ship which the camp sentinels interpreted to be an attack. He mentions not seeing the Bloomington boys often.</p>
22a.3	<p>Toones Station, September 19, 1862 - Addressed to Lizzie “Lib” in Heyworth, McLean Co., informing her that her letter dated the 16th had been received that morning. He reports that he is currently 28 miles south of Jackson, Mississippi, on the Mississippi Central Rail Road, and he is happy she had a pleasant visit to Waynesville. He mentions not have heard from Emmy since the 25th of August, but wishes her a prosperous and pleasant year, “I think some of her teacher associates will be very agreeable company, and I trust she will have no trouble at all”. He remarks that Toones Station is a small community of only a half dozen homes. He has received a positive and optimistic letter recently from their brother Will, saying “I believe the 94th Reg’t has gon[e] to Rolla, Missouri”. He complains that he has not received a letter from their brother Charles in a number of days but had noticed from the St. Louis newspaper that “they have gone away”. He adds in a postscript that if she does not want to use the money he sent her she is to keep it for the fall and winter.</p>
22a.4	<p>Camp near Oxford, Mississippi, December 11, 1862 – Addressed to Lizzie “Lib”, in Waynesville, DeWitt Co. Her letter dated the 4th of December was received late the evening of the 10th. “General Grant’s Army Corps (the 13th army Corps, USA) moved south from three points Nov. 28th, viz. the right wing under General Sherman from Memphis, the center under General McPherson from LaGrange & the left wing from Corinth under General Hamilton. Our corps (the center) and General Hamilton’s formed a junction at Holly Springs, Miss. & the whole commd [command] is at or near this place”. He remarks on the heavy rains, experienced every day since Nov. 30th, at Holly Springs which have made the roads impassable. He reports that the Infantry has not seen any fighting yet, though “our way has been strongly contested by Rebel Cavalry”. He reports that “our cavalry has been of good service . . . skirmishing every day” since leaving LaGrange. Lieut. Col. McCallo of Bloomington was killed a few days before, several miles south of his current position. He has heard from Mary and “the</p>

	boy” since he last wrote. He closes the letter off when the drums start beating for them to leave for Granada.
22a.5	Lake Providence, La., February 25th, 1863 – Addressed to Lizzie “Lib” in Waynesville, DeWitt Co. Her letter, dated the 10 th , was received last Sunday (22 nd), but he had been occupied procuring food supplies and attending to the wants of his men. On the morning of the 20 th they received orders to march to the wharf in Memphis to board boats prepared to transport the 3 rd Division (General Logans) south. Boarding was completed by 10am on the 20 th but they did not leave until the 22 nd . He reports a pleasant trip south into Dixie, disembarking in Lake Providence about noon on the 23 rd . Lake Providence is seven miles long and about one wide on average, 70 miles north of Vicksburg. Their camp is 2 miles from the Mississippi River. He reports that the peach trees are in bloom, and it appears that spring will be early. “There is a great work in progress here to offer a passage from the Miss river to Red [river]. If this work is completed it will be through Lake Providence and two Bayous to the Washita River and from there to the Red”. He had heard that it would take three weeks to have this work ready for transports. He thinks the command at Lake Providence will operate against Port Hudson and not directly on Vicksburg. He has heard from brothers Will and Charles, but not from their sister Maggie. He says “I am really sorry to hear that James Dunham had been so taken away with Matrimonial fever . . . but young men that content themselves at home in this hour of our countries trials will have many an insulting answer when the thousands of young men that are out in the field ready to give their lives in defence of their country return home”. He claims that Memphis is the most pleasant of all the places he has visited in his travels. In a postscript he asks Lib to give his respects to Emma L.
22a.6	Lake Providence, La., March 8, 1863 – Addressed to Lizzie, in Waynesville, DeWitt Co. Her letter dated February 20 th was received yesterday (7 th). He remarks on the warm and summerlike weather, that there has been no rain for days which make the cotton field dusty. He performs drill three times a day: company drill before breakfast, battalion drill before noon, and brigade drill in the afternoon. The general health of the old regiments is good, but the new regiments have a large number of sick. He had received a letter from brother Charles recently from Forsyth, Mo. And he’s in good health, but he has not heard from either Will or Maggie recently. He mentions a Mr. And Mrs. Robbin, hoping Mr. R will get her a school and that Mrs. R would be a very pleasant lady to live with once she settles. He anticipates staying in the Lake Providence camp another month or two. He asks her if she expects to be in Heyworth soon and asks if James D is married yet.
22a.7	Lake Providence, La., March 12th, 1863 – Addressed to Maggie in

	<p>Bloomington, IL. Her letter dated February 27th was received the day before (11th). He remarks being happy to hear from her as it has been three weeks since her last letter. He has been riding on the lake all day, and it is one of the pleasantest days he ever saw in March. Heard heavy cannonading from the direction of Vicksburg, but there is no news. The construction of the Bayou Mason channel is progressing slowly, it will take another month. The health of the command is good overall; there have been two cases of small pox. Several Bloomington ladies had been visiting their husbands in Memphis, including “Mrs. Ira Laoky [Lacky?], who lives near where Bro. Jmh [Jeremiah?] Moon did last summer”. He asks after a Miss Todd, and asks Maggie to enquire what regiment Ludington from W is in, of her. He asks her where she expects to spend summer vacation, and to give his regards to Mr & Mrs Thayer. He received a letter from brother Will yesterday (11th) and remarks on Will’s “California Fever”. In the postscript he mentions trying to get a leave of absence to come home a few days the last of May.</p>
22a.8	<p>Berries Landing, La., March 28, 1863 – Addressed to Lizzie in Waynesville, DeWitt Co., Her letter dated the 11th was received a few days ago, but he could not answer it then because he had been ordered to scout and search for guerillas on the opposite side of the Mississippi River. Flooding caused them to leave their previous camp on Lake Providence. A barge division had passed down river a few days ago, from Ark. They carried the 33rd Illinois Infantry and did not stop long; he saw few Bloomington men including Captains Moor, Kellogg & Grove, Major Roe and Chaplain Eddy. They were not allowed ashore. He was “sorry to hear the roads were such that you would not be able to go to Heyworth”. He had received a letter from Maggie since his last letter to Lizzie. Maggie had told him that Miss Sally Kerne was stopping with her for about five weeks in Bloomington. He still hopes to visit Bloomington in the spring. He asks if Emma E. has returned home and if she expects to teach that summer. He asks who James D. married.</p>
22a.9	<p>Millikins Bend, La., April 20th, 1863 – Addressed to Lizzie. Her letter dated the 2nd of April and sent from Bloomington had been received a few days earlier while Frank was still in Berrys Landing. Their present camp is 15 miles from Vicksburg and they can hear the cannonading plainly. He reports that eight gunboats and four transports ran the blockade a few nights ago. The expedition succeeded except for the loss of the transport “Henry Clay” which was turned opposite Vicksburg. He expects to leave the area soon based on the number of transports there. A large force has gone across to Carthage south of Vicksburg, about 12 miles, and is crossing the river on the transports that ran the blockade a few nights ago. He acknowledges receipt of the photograph Lizzie sent, saying “but I cannot see as it looks at all natural”. He reports that the weather is very</p>

	beautiful and the army is in very good health, but predicts many illnesses as “the country is covered with watter[sic] & when the extreme hot weather sets in we cannot expect to be very healthy”. In the postscript he asks Lizzie how many months she expects to teach that summer.
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Folder 23:	McCain, William P.
23.1	Correspondence from Forest Hill by Wm. P. McCain to his sister and nephew dated Nov. 20, 1861 concerning. . . his health, the weather, and excitement over the war, this state has called for 5 regiments, four filled, might have to draft men to fill out the fifth. . . mentions a wedding, kiss Bell and Minnie for him. . . A. B. Samuel, M. Carkle. . . his girl Miss E ray (?), her mother is dead. . . mentions another man’s girl and that there is talk of a wedding. . . for further particulars inquire at my office on front street opposite the butcher shop
23.2	Correspondence from Forest Hill by (J. L.) McCain to his brother dated Dec. 27, 1862 concerning. . . how he has been since Christmas, had a fine ball. . . fine weather, no snow. . . planned to come home, wasn’t let off, wants to see them badly. . . ate at Ander’s house, turkey. . . heard about the (harriet) Alabama, took a steamer on its way to Cal. And got \$85 greenbacks, (Face the Front Paper)

Folder 24:	McCarty, William #1 of 2 (97 th OH)
24.1	Handwritten document from donor, includes biographical information on some of those who wrote to her grandfather. . .
24.2	Newspaper clipping (National Tribune), concerning “The Right Sort of Post Commander,” W. D. Thompson, 1 st Lieut., Co. C, 97 th Ohio, article, “Another Raid on Bosworth’s Bakery,” . . . Kennesaw Mt., . . . honor justly due to Will McCarty, hero. . . Will McCarty still lives, now honored commander of Harrison H. Wood Post, No. 173, McLean, IL, by W. O. Arnold
24.3	Pressed flower
24.4	Correspondence from “Valentine” to William McCarty date unknown concerning. . . “good and kind to Mother and Kate”
24.5	Correspondence from McConnelsville by “Annie Birket” to “Will” dated Feb. 21, 1864 concerning. . . 4 weeks since we were together. . . “this is not a love letter”. . . (opinion of soldiers fighting for country). . . pray for you. . . soldiers reception on the 12 th . . . speech from Major Minchcomb. . . Major Kahler of the 6 th married Miss Lizzie Adams, Sam James in for his marriage certificate, Mrs. Thompson told me about the calves eating that riding skirt. . . 3 weeks til conference, in next letter, can give you my new address. . . regards to John L. Spangler at Knoxville if you meet him. . .
24.6	Correspondence from McConnelsville by “Annie” to “Will” dated Mar. 27, 1864 concerning. . . faithfulness and punctuality. . . reached regiment in safety, “All’s well that ends well”. . . God is “too wise to err and too good to be unkind”. . . country brought this war upon itself from sin, “not one drop of blood shall be spilt in vain,” humble the nation. . . good weather, saw your sister Kate, I leave for Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio
24.7	Correspondence from Steubenville by “Annie” to “Will” dated May 8, 1864

	concerning. . . returned from class. . . pray that you and Gen. Grant may succeed, tea time. . . a class of young girls. . . I think I do not have many friends, I have not that beauty of face which seems to be so attractive to some, “Handsome is that handsome does”, “beauty is only skin deep”, the beauty of the mind will never fade. . . trust in God. . . I shall not take any meaning which you do not intend. . .
24.8	Correspondence from “Lide” to William McCarty dated May 18, 1864 concerning. . . in response to your letter of April 30 th , duty to answer the letter of a soldier, need the sympathy of all Union loving ladies. . . read accounts of battles, think that God is on our side. . . true allegiance to the principles of Washington. . . may restore paece, but the precious lives we cannot return. . . you say you received a letter from Joe Thompson. . . you said the first time you saw me you felt a strong attachment for me, my affections do not belong to anyone in particular, I like, respect and admire you and may after a long acquaintance love you. . . send me your photograph and I’ll send you mine when I have it taken
24.9	Correspondence from Steubenville by “Annie” to “Will” dated June 5, 1864 concerning. . . “Who can tell what a day may bring forth”. . . O this cruel cruel war, when will it come to an end!. . . sermon, “everything in this world is subject to change and only God is unchangeable. . . “This world is full of beauty, As all the worlds above, And if we did our duty, It might be full of love”. . . moral danger that surrounds you. . . glad you are enjoying good health, I am enjoying rather poor health, ague. . . included some wild flowers
24.10	Correspondence from Steubenville by “Annie” to “Will” dated July 5, 1864 concerning. . . received favor of the 25 th , wonders how a soldier manages to write so many letters, distracted by sounds of battle or weary. . . one other correspondent besides yourself. . . spent the 4 th in Wheeling, visiting the different departments of the Sanitary Fair, Bazaar, a printing press, machine that made nails, soap, wrapping paper, barrels of crackers, leather, the Curiosity Shop, the Art Union, relics of the war, a secesh flag, a hat of a Col. killed in the Battle of Cheat. Mt., a cane made from a part of the Monitor, dining halls, dinner for .50, tickets to other departments were .25. . . importance of a Christian life in the army. . . should read the Holy Book. . . they say I have a habit of quarreling with gentlemen. . . sister Lillie gives her regards
24.11	Correspondence from Oskaloosa, Iowa by Joseph McCarty, a sibling, to William McCarty dated Aug. 5, 1864 concerning. . . letter of July 25 th , anxious to hear from you. . . little of interest here. . . deep interest in your spiritual welfare, fear that many professors of religion have been led astray by the many temptations, vices, and corruptions of army life. . . letter from Charles, sold his farm to “old S a Thompson” fro \$4,250, Uncle Levi sold his to Elijah Rutledge for \$5,000, expected to head West on a prospecting tour, they may purchase in Illinois, “Framers will make abundance of money this year, if present prices continue”, want to make a visit to Davis Co., John. . . enclosed some stamps, remember me to Lieut. Thompson, Billy Thompson. . .
24.12	Correspondence from Steubenville by “Annie” to “Will” dated Aug. 14, 1864 concerning. . . “our earth is being deluged with the blood of her noblest sons”. . . just returned from the second P church, Rev. Andrews, Chaplain in the army of

	the Potomac, sermon "The Spiritual condition of the Army". . . Christian Counsel. . . picnic. . . you are still on the side of right, I would that all those that are fighting on the wrong side would see their error and turn to the side of the right. . . glad to hear from your mother, how will she get along without your brother Charles, enclosed some printed matter, "There, is that saucy enough for you."
24.13	Correspondence from Steubenville by "Annie" to "Will" dated Sept. 11/22 (?), 1864 concerning. . . favor of the 25 th . . . procrastination stole away the time. . . weather very wet and gloomy, music across the street, made by a Melodian, male and female voice, and a flute. . . "Just now an old darkey went across the street who looked as though he might have traveled all the way from 'Dixie' on foot." . . wish you were here. . . proverb, "Every heart knoweth its own bitterness". . . soldier boys in Georgia hardly know what to do with yourselves since Atlanta is taken. . . glad to hear your mother and sisters are well, Nan. . . "I sometimes think I am a little too Spunky. . .". . . received a letter from a friend, 104 th Regt., Co. B, John Spangler
24.14	Correspondence from Steubenville by "Annie" to "Will" dated Oct. 10, 1864 concerning. . . suffering from a severe headache this evening. . . nothing going on in town except a circus, tomorrow is the state election, I hope the right candidates will be elected, "If I had the vote I think I would vote for the right ones," next will come the presidential election, "I think that there are enough sensible men left to keep 'Old Abe' in the chair for another term." Yes, I would like your photo, I will send you mine. . . Father has bought a farm near Cincinnati on which my brother John will live he lost his wife, wants me to come with him and keep house. . .
24.15	Correspondence from Steubenville by "Annie" to "Will" dated Nov. 19, 1864 concerning. . . election passed. . . little Mc. . . "butternuts" will come to their senses after awhile. . . Mr. Thoburn, returned missionary from India, lectured in Kilgore Hall on the customs of the people of India, accompanied by a native Hindu boy whom he has adopted as a son, about 17 years old, good looking specimen of the Hindoo race, repeated the lord's prayer in the Hindoostani language, Mr. Thoburn wants to take a wife back with him. . . little girl came in for me to teach her to sing a Missionary hymn. . . give Joe my regards, your letters are only seen by me. . .
24.16	Correspondence from McLean Station, IL by "Jennie E. Tavenner" to William McCarty (her cousin) dated Feb. 8, 1865 concerning. . . writing because you sent a letter to Martha saying that I would write you after I got to my new home. . . live a mile and a quarter from McLean Station, half a mile from Charles and the same from Mr. Smith. . . do not want to go back to the hills of Ohio. . . good looking gentlemen out here, but about all gone to war, alarm about the draft, good looking girls out here, come out next winter to help Bragg. . . got a letter from Joe Thompson, Lieut. Thompson, Russell Cotton and him had been out to Uncle John Thompson's for a turkey roast, Russell Cotton, you should see his wife, about the size of mother and you know how small he is. . . Sunday School, a meladon, \$100 worth of candies and nuts, have not heard from Kate for 2 months

24.17	Correspondence from McLean Station, Il by “Jennie Tavenner” to William McCarty (her cousin) dated Feb. 25, 1865 concerning. . .Newton got a letter from David Thompson. . . uncle John’s boys, Kate Tavener, Arch and Margaret Harmon. . . do not hear about Ohio boys, only Illinois boys that I don’t know. . . rain, muddy roads. . . Samuel James and Kate are going to live on Wm. Smith’s farm, Lane is going to farm part of Wm.’s farm, Wm. Tavenner has bought a farm about 4 miles from our house, paid \$3,200. . .Charles and Maria. . . good looking man working at our house, I am afraid Martha will get him. . . a good looking lady from Bloomington at our house, Frankie Tavenner, her father is a cousin of Pa’s. . . give complements to Edward Tavenner and Lieut. Thompson
24.18	Correspondence from “Jerusha ” to “Will” dated Feb. 16, 1865 concerning. . . meeting at McKendree
24.19	Correspondence from Somenauk “R. D. Cotton” (Maria’s brother) to William McCarty dated April, 9, 1865 concerning. . . the rebellion is about gone up by this time. . .prices have come down. . . sowed 20 acres of wheat, 12 acres of Barley, 20 of oats, 65 acres of corn in the spring. . . will go see Charles, have not heard from Louden lately, splendid weather, girls flourishing finely in this neighborhood, respects to Lieut. Thompson and the boys. . .
24.20	Correspondence from McConnelsville “Mollie _ Brown” to “Will” dated Feb. 14, ____ concerning. . . received your letter of the 22 nd . . . letter which Joe sent out with Andrew. . . you want another picture, lost the first. . . there is going to be a wedding, Lucy and Mr. Wallace. . . one heart smasher gone. . .
24.21	Correspondence from McLean by Maria C. McCarty to William McCarty (her brother) dated Feb. 26, 1865 concerning. . . glad to hear you are well, fat, and harty. . . suppose Kate feels bad about Frank going missing. . .Joe Thompson is the best correspondent we have. . . he is going after the ladies of McConnelsville, especially Malvina Smith. . . we will move into our house this week, painted and papered. . .Jennie, Martha, and I, Levi and Charles, Will Tavenner, Aunt Susan sends her love. . .
24.22	Correspondence from “Annie” to “Will” dated Mar. 8, 1865 concerning. . . busy since leaving home, visit friends in Plain Township, 3 miles from city of Canton. . . visit Mr. Spangler’s brother, describes Mr. Spangler. . . rain, gald to have a roof over my head, sympathize with those who don’t. . . received your photo, a very good one, sober and dignified. . .attend a session of our conference next week in Canton, have not had my photo taken yet, had some but did not like them, enclosed a picture which I think is beautiful, until you receive one you should not expect to be so good looking. . .
24.23	Correspondence from “Jerusha” to “Will” dated Mar. 24, 1865 concerning. . . treatment of prisoners, rebs will pay someday. . .hope war will be over soon, don’t think rebs can hold out much longer, losing ground all the time, think they might give up. . . Harlan is still in the post office department, “taken up for robbing a mail”. . . “father has a felon on his thumb”, Edwin is plowing, have not heard from Frank yet, expect to every day. . . your time in the army will expire in 6 months. . . letter from Ben, his woman is still teaching. . .you spoke of Lucy T. getting married. . . wedding between Miss Delany and John Thompson, plenty of gals left for the soldiers. . .

24.24	Correspondence from "Louise Smith" to "Will" dated Mar. 20, 1865 concerning. . . my brother Daniel enlisted on the 14 th of last month in the "1860 OVI," took sick on the 3 rd and died on the 4 th . . . I love to get your letters, wrote a letter to Harry Bownsend. . . send me your photo and I'll send you mine. . . direct to "Lou" Smith, a girl named Lida Smith gets my letters. . .
24.25	Correspondence from McLean County by Levi Tavenner, an uncle, to William McCarty dated Mar. 27, 1865 concerning. . . Jennie and Martha have kept you posted. . . settled in central IL, within one mile of McLean Station on the St. Louis, Alton, and Chicago rail roads. . . we have a house, a barn, and 160 acres no desire to go back to "poor poverty stricken hills of Morgan," sent Fenton to Ohio after horses. . . 4 horses for us, one for Charles. . . Maria and Charles have a daughter. . . Fenton and Jennie and Martha have gone to a singing. . . Newton is in bed and Bragg lives at the station with a produce merchant. . . come visit on your way home, half a day from St. Louis, 40 miles north of Springfield. . . good news from Grant, heard he has captured Lee. . . Lieut. Thompson. . . busy putting in our spring crops. . . Fenton sends his respects
24.26	Correspondence from "Annie" to "Will" dated April 2, 1865? concerning. . . 500 miles farther west, to my new home, which is two miles from Williamsburg, Clermont Co., Ohio. . . return your feelings in full, "seemed more than a mere friend". . . on my way from Cincinnati, left my scarf at Batabia, 7 miles from Williamsburg, asked conductor of Omnibus to get it for me, he didn't, so I hired a horse and went down there all alone. . . I think those whiskers quite becoming on you. . . Joe, growing in Hattie's favor, I am not a very serious specimen of a preacher's daughter. . .
24.27	Correspondence from "Annie" to "Will" dated April 30, 1865 concerning. . . have been reading over your old letters, ride into the fence. . . Batavia. . . "a bus runs from Cincinnati to Williamsburg every day, sorry to hear that your mother is not well. . . my photo, doesn't do me justice, talking makes so much difference in my countenance, that when my face is at rest I look sour and cross. . . if you grow tired of my photo, destroy it or send it back. . . "the death of the President," the attempt on the life of the Sec, and that 'Booth the murderer has been shot,' people in the north made a fuss when they received the news of Lee's surrender, rejoicing cut short by the sad news of the murder of the president, punishment of the instigators. . . zig-zag style, poetry. . .
24.28	Correspondence from "Joe Thompson" to "Cousin Will" dated April 4 (14th?), 1865 concerning. . . received letter of April 5 th . . . I am well, as are all of the Loudoners. . . a day of Jubilee and Thanksgiving in Ohio, going to have a Grand Jubilee, every store and shop is closed, rejoicing over our late Great and Glorious Victories in the down fall of Richmond and the Surrender of Lee and his army. . . Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan. . . speeches today and a grand parade, fireworks. . . big wedding at Mr. Tracy's, honor of being the groomsmen, the groom was cousin John Thompson, the bride was Lizzie Delany, bridesmaid a lady from Zanesville, I found her all right on the goose, as handsome and gay as a lark. . . 3 couple, Ed Murray and Osey Jett, Hattie Murray and Nancy Henderson, Captain Henderson's daughter. . . a new Clerk, Ed Harnten od Addam's Store, Frank Kaler takes his place

24.29	Correspondence from "Jerusha " to "Will" dated May 5, 1865 concerning. . . planting corn, Sabbath school, your mother and Kate were there. . . Mr. Greers had two letters from William Stephens, exchanged and at Vicksburg waiting for a pass to come home, we are uneasy about Frank, Alex Strong home on furlough, rheumatism. . . death of President Lincoln brought sad news to many a household, "It's awful to think that so good a man was stricken down by the hand of an assassin," what a wicked man, news came that they had shot him, "it was too easy a death for such a wicked villiam". . .heard that rebel Johnston had surrendered, George too busy to write. . .
24.30	Correspondence from McLean, IL by "Martha" to "Will" dated May 7, 1865 concerning. . . Jennie and I have fun. . . Sabbath school, Kate, Sam, Hawkins, Wade, Uncle Levi received your letter. . . "President Lincoln's remains passed here last Wednesday morning, at six o'clock. We all went down to see the cars. It was a very pretty sight indeed," went to Springfield, too late to see him, I saw the coffin, nicest coffin I ever saw and the nicest hearse. . . many went, Sam and Kate, Wm. Smith and his wife, Mrs. Spencer, Maria is getting well, Russ and Herb came to see her, Russ looks well, the west agrees with him, Aunt Susan would like to see you, sends her love, Jennie also sends her love, Uncle Levi and the boys went to church. . .
24.31	Correspondence from Williamsburg, Ohio by "Annie" to "Will" dated May 18, 1865 concerning. . . received your favor of the 12 th , I expressed myself too warmly. . . not much experience writing letters, especially to gentlemen. . . misunderstanding. . . signed your true friend. . .
24.32	Correspondence from McLean, IL by "Martha Brown" to "Will" dated May 27, 1865 concerning. . . I always love to hear from soldiers. . . Jennie received your letter, I received a letter from Kate and Sis, "You will have to hurry home if you expect to stand any chance among the girls," Nancy Jane has got a good man, an old widower, "I think when I get married, If I can't get a young man I will not get married". . .planting corn. . . Sabbath school, hail storm, Ellen Tavenner was here, Mary talks of returning to Ohio. . . Maria is mending slowly. . .
24.33	Envelope and correspondence from McLean Station "Jennie E." to "cousin" Will dated May 27, 1865 concerning. . . corn planting, rainy spring, cherry pies, a letter from Jane Harmon, James Spencer's family sick of the west, talk of going back to Ohio. . ."Will, I expect that you will have to come west to get a woman for the way they are marrying of there they will be no one left for you," nicest looking young ladies out here. . . Eliza, cost me \$400 to get married, Nancy Jane and Fenton Ethell are doing well, come spend the winter with us, bring Katie, Mary Ethell and Mr. A Strong are going to get married, haven't heard from Joe T. in a while. . . If you want to see a good looking Illinois boy, go to W. La. A. Hospital No. 14 (at Nashville) and enquire for the lc clerk, George H. Laden, one of our neighbors. . . Sabbath school. . . "I thought I would tell you that Martha's man was here but don't you tell her I told you."
24.34	Correspondence from Miss Kate F. Tavenner to "uncle" Will dated May 15 (17th?) , 1865 concerning. . . heard you had got to Columbus, Ohio. . . at school, school teacher is named Lizzie Farley, pretty good looking, " 'Just pitch in' if you want a woman," I think she is anything else but a schoolteacher, pretends to

	be a teacher, gets stalled on compound numbers, not much of a teacher. . . I am better at eating cherry pies than making them. . . received a letter from Martha, all well except Maria, getting better. . . corn and sorgum. . . Emma and Etta. . . wishing the war over and you a safe return home. . .
24.35	Correspondence from Stuebenville, Ohio by “Annie” to “Will” dated Dec. 20, 1865 concerning. . . glad to hear of your safety. . . a good Christian anda good soldier. . . disappointments in life. . . wish that you enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . P.S. Joe and Hattie, still waiting for your photo. . . good night and happy dreams. . .
24.36	Envelope
24.37	Envelope
24.38	Envelope
24.39	Obituary of Mrs. William McCarty (Martha Brown)

Folder 25:	McCarty, William #2 of 2 (97 th OH)
25.1	Cover letter, “Civil War Letters Written to Will McCarty Feb. 1864 – Dec. 1865,” includes a short biography on William McCarty. . .
25.2	Transcript of document 24.2
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25.14	Transcript of document 24.16
25.15	Transcript of document 24.20
25.16	Transcript of correspondence from “Martha” to her “friend Will” dated Feb. 16, 1865 concerning. . . thanks for the letter, cold weather, good sleighing, suppose Kate has told you about the meeting at McKendree, McCready is hard to beat in a revival, 23 joined, we have not heard from Frank, with Will Stephens, Lieut. Thompson told George that Frank may have been taken prisoner, received a letter from Kate, tell James that I would like to hear from him, received letter from Sarah (24.18)
25.17	Transcript of document 24.17
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Folder 26:	Morrow, Almon #1 of 2 (94 th IL, Co. B)
26. 1	Photocopy of obituary of A. Morrow dated 1903
26. 2	Photocopy of correspondence from Spanish Fort, Al by Almon Morrow to Ruth (his wife) dated May 6, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I received a short time ago, in good health and fine spirits, news that Joe Johnson has surrendered to Sherman, if this is the case, you may look for me before my 3 years are up, you wrote about meeting me in Cincinnati, where will I find you, does Bert Yascal live there yet, write and tell me where you will stop, , I will write and tell you what time to come, the general opinion is that we will not be kept much longer in the field, I don't expect to tarry long in Illinois, still at Spanish fort, some talk of going back to Fort Morgan, only 3 ½ months, still feasting on blackberries, mulberries are also plenty, the poor people in the country are almost starving, , some of the boys were out in the country and stopped at a house where there was a woman and 4 little children, the woman was sick and very dirty, the children had some crumbs of crackers, one other house the children asked their mother for bread, she burst into tears for she had none to give them, how can anyone help but feel for the little innocent sufferers, many a man has been shot here because he would not go in the rebel army, people in the north don't know anything about hard times, the Colonels wife has come to see him, I expect she will stay til his time is out, she has two boys, one two years old, the other at the tit, keep in good spirits, time will soon roll around when war will be no more, so much anxiety of mind will cease expect those that have lost their near and dear friends, many a fireside will be vacant by a father, brother, husband being killed or died in the defense of our country...(U.S. Christian Commission paper)
26. 3	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to his wife dated Dec. 4, 1864 concerning. . . Sunday, a very pleasant day, the weather is pleasant here most of the time, I have a very different opinion of the south from what I used to have, I used to think it impossible to live here in warm weather, I have worked here the hottest days in August and am still living, "the plea has always been that the whites could not stand it to work in the south," but when the war is over and the negroes freed, the whites will work here as well as

	<p>in the north, if we stay here the winter, I will be able to say I have passed 2 winters without seeing any snow, time passes quickly, more pleasant than for time to drag on, we are all looking forward to the end of our 3 years, the longer I stay in the service, the more patriotic I get, can't see how the rebs will hold out much longer, "the election of Abraham Lincoln another four years and the way the soldiers voted will convince them we are not going to give up," people at home don't know much about military matters, we are getting Fort Morgan fixed up better than it ever was, building warehouses, got a lot of pontoon boats and pontoon wagons and pontoon bridges, ammunition and cannon, mule teams, , things that were once a sight to me are now an old story, nothing but sand and water, we hardly ever see a woman anymore, Dr. Stewarts and Dr. Ross's wives came down to see their husbands a few days ago, they were the only nice looking women I have seen for over 3 months, , our chaplain has resigned and gone home to get married, Mr. Gibbs had just come to my tent, sends his respects to you and Mattie, he is one of the best kinds of young men I have got along with him very well, Jerry Short is well, R. H. Seltzer has gone home on sick furlough, 2 of Wamsley's boys were discharged, one of them died in a few days after he got home, the other id getting well, Albert bradly was discharged some time ago, went back to Illinois and got married to Ellen Wilton, soon after they got married they headed for New Haven, Conn., where Mr. Bradley came from, Mrs. Seltzer will be very much pleased to see her husband, we get our mail on Tuesday, I think I will get a letter from you, Tuesday has come and no letter, it has been 2 weeks since I got a letter from you, it is raining today, but the weather is warm, very comfortable in our cotton houses, our duty id very light, only go on duty once a week, I keep cleaner than when I was at home, keep in good spirits, 8 ½ months from today and our time is out, 2 years ago tomorrow we was in the Prairie Grove Battle...</p>
26. 4	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth Morrow dated Oct. (25?), 1864 concerning. . . my health is good but I fell a little blue, we got mail today, but I got no letters, that makes three mails we've had and I haven't heard from you in three weeks, I think you have forgotten me and sometimes think you are sick, have all kinds of thinking, perhaps you have written and your letters have been miscarried, I hope I will get to hear from you soon, still at the same old place and no sign of us leaving soon, no news, not much going on here, you can hear from other parts better than I can, I have been looking for those socks I sent for, I will have to have some before long, it gets very cold here sometimes, we are where the wind blows from the gulf and bay, it is very chilly sometimes, I can't write you much of a letter this time, I have the blues too bad, some of the boys got three letters, I hope that will be my lot next time, I write every week without fail, "we got the news today the elections in the north are for the union, which is better news for us than for Grant to take Richmond," the end of this war depends much on the reelection of Old Abe, if he gets in again the rebellion will soon be over, if the other party elects their men, it is hard to tell what will come to pass, but I hope all will work out for the good...</p>
26. 5	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Heyworth by Mollie Templin to a "Dear Friend" dated April 2, 1864 concerning. . . answering you letter I rec'd a few</p>

	<p>days ago, I am well and hearty, have not had a letter from Almon lately, he did not send anything home but an overcoat that is at Warmlys, he requested them to keep it ti lhis time was out, I am at Davises, they are all well, , he put them tombstones up last August, old Julia Swarts is dead, she made soap all day and went to bed well, was a corpse before 2, Old Dibbles had a dance the night she lay a corpse, Dibbles has built a new house, you need not think I was at the Dance, I have not been to a party this winter not don't intend to, Mrs. Gossard is weaving a carpet for Mary Short, I was over there the other day and found all of our old dresses that you left there and even some of your old linen, Almon may think himself well off if he ever finds half of his things again, Mrs. Josh Kelly has got another girl baby, Mat Karr is coming on again, Billy Fruits is going to make another raise before long, Macks has moved to the Normal, I am going to live with them this summer, farmers busy now sewing their small grain, nice weather,...Boyds is going to move down where the Camerons live, Camerons have got a fine daughter about six weeks old, Bill Cunningham and Emeline Vanvaly are married, Old Jasy has moved to Heyworth, bought the house you used to live in, Sarah Jane and her man are going to tend the place this summer, Mr. Terry and Eliza Jane were married last fall, Eveline and her Bovee were married last fall, Aaron Bovee got home a few days ago, the rebels had him in prison for 4 months, starved him yil he could hardly walk, Leemidas Burkholdes was killed the same night Am Gossard had one of his eyebrows shot off, Mat Charly is a prisoner in Hamburg, Ark., I got a letter from Mark and Lizz the other day, Old Rachel has had one of her breasts taken off, she was doing well, send some Burr Pickee seed in the next letter if you have any</p>
<p>26. 6</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Mobeel Point, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 22, 1864 concerning. . . I am well, got our forts done, commenced to bombard the fort this morning, shot and shell are flying, deserters say they have strong works, some think they will soon surrender, but that is hard to tell, if they don't, we expect to put 2 or 3 hundred shot and shell in the rebel fort every minute, I have no idea how long we will be in the taking of Fort Morgan, got them entirely surrounded, no chance for them to get out, only as they desert, I was out fishing the other day, caught some fish and lots of sea crabs, gathered a lot of oysters, this is counted a healthy place, very nice to bathe in the salt water, we can dig down any place and sink a barrel and get good fresh water even ten feet from the edge of the Gulf, when we were at Brayos Island we dug down and the water was salt, our duty has been heavy since we came here, but it will be lighter soon, as soon as we have our big guns, the General says when we get all the big guns ready to operate we can listen at the music, we have heard enough now to remind us of Vicksburg, our time is 2/3 out, only lack two days of having two years, whether I will have to serve my other year or not is hard to tell, I always looked and hoped for the best, I hope all will work out for good, I often think of you and would like very much to see you all, as that is not possible, I hope to content myself where I am, I want you to take times as easy as you can, I am glad to hear Clark has got the money from Old Smith, I thought that was a bad egg, but Clark is a good hand, I remain as ever your true friend and loving husband...</p>

26. 7	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 9, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, except for sore eyes, have been sore for two weeks, not getting much better, don't do anything, just lay around and eat, I think they would soon get well if we were away from this place, the sun is very hot and the sand is white, but the prospect is very good for us to stay here, all the troops have left but our regt. and the 20 th Wis. And one regt. of heavy artillery "and some darkeys", the weather will soon get cooler, it will be warm this winter and healthy here on the sea coast, considerable complaints of the scurvy, I want to be somewhat careful what I eat, I would like to sit down to a few dishes of cabbage and potatoes and other vegetables, confined to one kind of diet, we have not had any of bread but hard crackers since we left Brownsville, the talk is that we'll get soft bread in a few days, we get plenty of coffee and sugar and meat and beans, get tired of living so long on the same kind of grub, but I have lived on it for 2 years, I will try and stand it the rest of my term, if I was anywhere near you, I would have you send me some vegetables, don't want you to take any trouble about me, no news, we have done nothing since we took the fort, you have a better chance to get news than I do, I have been looking for a letter from Sallie for some time and one from Clark, I wrote to you some time ago to tell the girls to send me their photographs and all write to me, you never said anything about it, I remain as ever your true and loving husband...
26. 8	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Oct. 11, 1864 concerning. . . I am well except my eyes, but not so bad as not to go on duty, we got 4 months pay yesterday, I started you one hundred dollars this morning by express, I didn't send you any last time, I loaned some out, so I send you something worthwhile this time, I want you to write as soon as you get this, there are men in our Co. that spend most of their money when their families need it bad, "I try to be equinomical", I have sent as much money home as any man in our Co., if I get safe home I don't want you and I to work as hard as in former days, the boys tell me if I get home, you won't own me, I am getting gray and my hair is coming out, but I tell them that I am not uneasy about that, looking forward to the time when this war will end and we would go home, we have 10 months and 9 days yet to serve, time sees to go off very fast, some talk of us leaving this place, I don't know where the next move will be, some think to Mobile, I recd. a letter from Molly, she is well, Mark Henry is drafted and gone to the army, I would rather come when I did than wait and be drafted, I would very well like to see you, since that's not in my power, all I can do is wish you well, take things cool and easy and hope for better days in the future, quite a cool spell here, but this is a very pleasant day...
26. 9	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Oct. 19, 1864 concerning. . . still at the same old place, don't see much prospect of leaving here soon, hear rumors everyday that we are going to New Orleans, health is good, my eyes are better, regt. is bad off with the scurvy, we have been getting some vegetables lately, but so few they won't help us much, I wrote to you a few days ago, sent you \$100, write as soon as you get it, write is you don't get it within 10 days of this letter, we got mail yesterday, but I

	<p>got no letters, and have not had any from you in some time, I will tell you how they act here and how much good it does to get mail, someone will be looking in the direction of New Orleans and fancy he sees a smoke, looks after a while, a boat leaves, hollars that there is a boat coming, all stand and look at it as it plows through the deep blue waters, the first inquiry is if there's mail, the next is for papers, first the mail goes to division headquarters and is sorted over and then sent to the headquarters of each regt., then looked over and sent to the orderly sergeant, then he hollars out the name of a company, and everyman lines up for mail, listening eagerly to hear if his name is called, those that don't get any crawls back in their little cotton houses, "it is the greatest comfort a soldier has to get mail and news," I write regular every week, remain your true and loving companion...</p>
26. 10	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 3, 1864 concerning. . . we had a small mail a short time ago, I did not get any letters, I did not expect any as I had received two from you shortly before, the best news I can get from you is to know you are well, my health never was better, my eyes are about well, the health of our regt. is getting better, there is considerable scurvy and some have the sore eyes, this is a very windy day, the prospect looks favorable for us to winter here, we will not be as well situated as we were last winter at Brownsville, we had comfortable houses to winter in, we will have to take it this winter in tents, but as we are so far south and have plenty of good clothes, I think we can get through, I am glad this is our last winter, three years looks like a long time to be away from home, our duty is not very heavy, the most we do is unload boats and guard duty, we don't have any meanings now, our preacher has resigned and gone home, I have not heard a sermon preached for more than three months, there is any amount of wickedness in the army, but that is no excuse for me, I don't taste liquor nor swear nor never have anything to do with cards, if I am spared to go home, I want to return as I left, remain your true and loving husband...</p>
26. 11	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 14, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, glad to hear you were all well, your letter found me in good health, will write you a short letter, we are under marching orders, talk is that we will leave this evening, don't know where we are going, some think to attack Mobile, that is the general supposition, keep in good spirits and enjoy yourself, our time is growing shorter, eight months now, excuse the scribbling for I was in a hurry. . . (another page attached, same page attached to Sept. 3rd letter) I have thought of a few more things to write, Aron Harvey owes me \$10 which is due Christmas, you got Thompson to write for it, he can't send it to you in a letter, the note I left in my pocket book in the drawer, Thompson can send him a receipt, the mail came today but nothing for me, we expect to go on in a short time, forgot to tell you we were down in Arkansas, a much better country than I expected to see, I have been on the Battle of Wilson Creek and at ___ Ridge, men say that this is one of the hardest battles that has been fought...</p>
26. 12	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Galveston, TX by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 23, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, dated</p>

	<p>May 23rd, you wrote you were expecting me home this month, I think you will be badly disappointed, too our surprise, we found ourselves in Texas, I don't think of getting home inside of our 3 years, not quite 2 months to stay, it will take ½ of that time to get us home and mustered out, I have learned to take things cool, and not worry about anything that comes along, we have enough to eat and drink, good quarters, good health, best to be as calm as possible, our regt. is all here now, everything is getting quiet in Texas, you never wrote to me where you would meet me in Cincinnati, I want you to write and tell me where I can find you, you will have to put up with a short letter, I am not in the humor for writing, keep in good spirits, the time is not long til I will be at home, I want you to be ready to make a long visit, I don't expect to go to work in a hurry...</p>
26. 13	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from New Orleans by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 3, 1865? concerning. . . I am well and hearty, Colonel Laughlin is going home, I will send you \$10, I ought to send you more, but don't know when we will get our pay again, 2 months pay due us now, if we get paid before we leave, there is a chance I will send you \$25 more, I have not had a letter from your folks for some time, I got tired of waiting and wrote them another, I have not had but one letter from you since we have been here, hope I will get one soon, several going home on sick furloughs, Gormon had resigned and is going home, Capt. ___ck is going home if he can, talk noe is that we will leave here tomorrow, some think we will go to Charleston, some to Mobile, I would like to get a letter from you before we leave, (third page attached, also attached to another letter, fits better with other letter)</p>
26. 14	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 2, 1864 concerning. . . rec'd your kind letter yesterday, I am well except sore eyes, we are camped on a sand bar, the sand is nearly as white as snow and hot enough to roast eggs, we moved camp yesterday up near Fort Morgan, I don't know how long we will stay here, there is some talk of us going on the Mississippi River, you wanted to know the cause of us leaving Brownsville, it was thought that we were needed worse at other places, you wanted to know if I had any money to send, we expect to get paid soon, if we do I can send you about \$100, you wanted to know what I was going to do about the farm, when the last notes come due, I will write to Clark and see what is the best to do, I have written to Clark twice since we came here, you don't seem to like the neighbors in the swamps, I use to tell you if ever you lived in Illinois you would not want to move back to the old place, I have no idea of ever living in Ohio, I expect to live in Illinois, I think I have some friends I will want to live by when this war is over, I get along very smooth with everybody, Mr. Gills is in my tent to see me, he is well and Jerry is well and our regt. in general, I will not write anymore, my eyes are sore, I think you are improving in writing, remain as ever your true friend and loving husband...</p>
26. 15	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Galveston, Tx by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 19, 1865 concerning. . . I presume you will be surprised to learn that we have come to Galveston, Tx, our mustering out papers came and they were worked on day and night and was fixed up for mustering out, we got marching orders on last Tuesday, we all expected to go to New Orleans, but we soon found</p>

	<p>ourselves at this place, , we were four days on the big pond, I was never so sick in my life, I thought sometimes my insides would come up, I was sick nearly all the time on the trip, The Gulf was very rough, we all got over safe, only four company of our regt. is here, we expect the rest as soon as they can get boats, I look to be kept til our time is out, 2 months and 1 day, we may be taken a way out into Texas before our time is out, there has to be troops kept here for some time til everything gets quiet, the rebel soldiers have not been paid for 2 years and they are going into stealing, I don't blame them, the rich made the poor fight and now let them suffer for it, everything is quiet at this place, this is one of the nicest southern towns I have been in, it is like all others, it has suffered on the account of war, the people here seem very humane and kind, they are not such strong rebels as in Mobile, we are living in a large hotel, more rooms than I can count, plenty to eat, all kinds of vegetables in the market, Texas has never been run like the other southern states, if I was to live in the south, Texas would be my state, but I think Illinois will do me, I have not had any letters for over 2 weeks, I want you to be faithful to the last, keep in good spirits, 2 months is not long, don't think I am sick, I will be all straight as soon as the ground stops weaving , I want to see you most awful...</p>
<p>26. 16</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp southeast Mississippi by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Jan. 8, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, glad to hear you were all well, I am enjoying the best of health, our regt. is in good health, we are almost living outdoors, mild weather, have been hard up for provisions some of the time, have enough now, have had to make some meals without bread, just laying here in camp and not doing much but guard duty, don't know how long we will stay here or where we will go, not got any change of clothes with us, but we can wash our underclothes and dry them in the warm part of the day, when we left Fort Morgan we only expected to be gone ten days, so I wore my old pants, have wore and tore them, patch on patch, you would not believe how well I can patch, I have wore 2 pairs of pants 15 months, I keep one good pair to go on inspections and wear my old ones on rough duty, having easy times here, we have a chaplain with us now, we had meeting last Sunday for the first time except once since last July, I expect we will have meeting regular now, there is a great many that don't go to meeting, a great amount of swearing in the army, get up early every morning to be ready if the rebs should come, not much of a rebel force near us, don't want you to be uneasy about me and think I'm in danger all the time, the war news is good, Sherman is waking the rebs up along the coast, it looks to me that the rebs are going to hold out as long as they can raise a squad of men, but I think we can hold out longer than they, think they will be played out by the time our time is out, if not I will let someone else fight it out, I feel as if I have done my duty for my country, there are plenty of men that have not had any hand in it, I got a letter from Sarah yesterday, she wrote that James Shank had been taken prisoner, that will worry Margaritt, little Marlin don't get any better, you wrote you were taking medicine, I hope by the time I see you you are enjoying good health with rosy cheeks, keep in good spirits, the time will soon roll round when I will be out of the army...</p>
<p>26. 17</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Pascagoula, Miss. by Almon Morrow to</p>

	<p>Ruth dated Jan. 17, 1865 concerning. . . we have moved back to the little town we first landed in, they have established a regular military post at Pascagoula, fortifications all around the town, talk is our regt., the 19th Iowa, and the 20th Wisconsin will be left here to hold the post, a nice place to camp and get our rations, we have lived the hardest for the last four weeks, , sometimes we had to do on beef, sometimes on mush, some meals hardtack, but have plenty now, have not had a blanket for the last 4 weeks, had to wrap up in my overcoat, sometimes I would get very cold, will be very comfortable now, Capt. McFarland has gone to Fort Morgan for our knapsacks, the mail has come, brought me two letters from you, one of your letters was only 13 days coming, I am in good health and far from the enemy, am so used to hardships that I can stand anything, hardly any men sick, got four postage stamps in one letter and two in the other, you wrote that Lizabeth Laurence had got a letter from me, I will tell you how I come to write, it is a fashion here among the young men to write the girls names on a slip of paper and then shake them up in a hat and draw, and write to the one he draws if he knew her, one of the young men in our Co. asked me to write a letter of introduction to some girl in Ohio, so I wrote one to Elizabeth, she need not think I am introducing any young men but one that is in good standing, that is very fashionable here, one of my tentmates wrote to Story's daughter in Heyworth and she wrote him a nice letter, he never saw her in his life, send me stamps, seven months and three days, keep in good heart...</p>
26. 18	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Jan. 29, 1865 concerning. . . (see 26.30)</p>
26. 19	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, AL by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 7, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd today, first I have had for over 4 weeks, got a large mail today, I got 5 letters, some of the boys got 15, we feel very cheerful, glad to learn you were well, my health is very good, wanted to know if I had heard from Molly, I get letter from here regular, she never says anything to me about her matrimonial affairs, I expect nothing else but she will marry, we have given her good advice, she was always a woman that done what she pleased, I received a letter from Clark, he says he will have to send him power of attorney to release the mortgage, I will attend to it as soon as I can, Clark writes that he has got my money in good hands, I rec'd a letter from Sarah, she writes that James Shanks is dead, he died in the hands of the rebs, that will set very hard on Margaret, Sarah says little Martin has gone to Camp Denison, thinks he should get a discharge and go home, , we have orders to move tomorrow morning, don't think we are going far, we have not started on our big expedition yet, we have been expecting to go for some time, I think we are waiting for orders, our time is growing short very fast, 5 months and 12 days, you wrote that you would like me to eat your share of donuts, I would like such things very well, luxury is something we don't see, tell Mattie to be a good girl and I will bring her something nice when I come home...</p>
26. 20	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Spanish Fort, AL by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 10, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd last Saturday, we have drove the Jonneys again, last Saturday we opened on them all around the lines, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon til midnight, 500 prisoners, the rebs</p>

	<p>had good forts, could not stand the storm of pot mettle which was thrown in among them, we got 42 pieces of artillery, one heavy piece was made last month at Selma, Al, they took most of their small arms with them, also got a good lot of ammunition, , our regt. was the first to plant the stars and stripes in the fort, we captured some mules and wagons, we are now camped between the fort and bay, we can see Mobeel all the troops have left her but our brigade, left here to garrison the fort, our fleet has not been any help in the seiging of this fort, , the rebs had the bay full of torpedoes, the gunboat me n are now very busy fishing out torpedoes, they have sunk three of our boats, we can see the rebs on an island out in the bay, we have monitors here that they can't do anything with, heavy cannon balls bounce off the same as beans, never saw such an inhuman set of beings, left dead men laying around the same as mules, left one wounded man laying in a cabin with four dead men, our men sent the wounded man to the hospital, saw a lot of the Jonneys yesterday that were captured, some said they would fight as long as they could, others were tired and would get out if they could, I think our term of service will see the end of this rebellion, the news from all parts is good, our armies are everywhere victorious, our reg't has been very lucky during the siege, one man killed and two wounded, I see a boat coming up, I am still with the commissary guard, we have the very best spring water, our army here is in good health, and the very best of spirits, all anxious to get into Mobile, my health was never better, 4 months and 10 days....</p>
26. 21	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from South Alabama by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 15, 1865 concerning. . . we are about 8 miles from Fort Morgan, camped in the woods, a nice camp, expecting to go to Mobile, so many crooks and turns in military matters it is hard to give any correct idea about the future movements, plenty of water, a big pond on both sides of us, our camp is on a sand ridge, nice and dry, we scarcely get any news, I write to you once a week, sometimes we go a month before we get mail, the news from Sherman and Sheridan is good, nothing going on in this department of much importance, it rained nearly all day yesterday, raining today, we have a very good shelter and are not exposed much of the time, guard duty only once a week, plenty of oysters here, going to have oysters fro supper, they are as plenty here as tadpoles in the swamp, one of the rebs came in last night with a white flag, he came to our picket and was blindfolded and led into headquarters, I have noOt learned what he was after, we had a nice dish of oysters for supper, we are going to have inspections today, we have all our clothes, arms, and equipment, I put on clean clothes yesterday morning and washed my dirty clothes, I have yet to be condemned for not having my clothes clean, nor been in the guard house or reprimanded by an officer, keep in good spirits, only 5 months more, we have been separated a long time, but I hope we may have the privilege of meeting soon, tell Mattie to be a good girl and learn to read and when I come home I will bring her a nice book...</p>
26. 22	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fish River by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 22, 1865 concerning. . . been on a march of 60 miles, started on the 17th, got here today, bad roads, slow progress, had to bridge slews(?) and make corduroy roads for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, carried rails, sometimes there were 10 horses to</p>

	<p>one piece of artillery, , some places the ground was so soft the horses could not stand, several days before all the command gets up, our provision train is behind, destitute of anything to eat, have not had much for two days, ate my last crumb of hardtack, the country we have come through is very poor, , pretty well on our way to Mobile, while I am writing I can hear the gunboats bombard the works at Mobile, the 13th Army Corps is going by land, the 16th came up by water, , Fish River empties into Mobile Bay on the east side twenty miles from the city, we are now camped 10 miles from the mouth of the river, no timber here but pines, crossed the river this morning on a pontoon bridge, first one I ever saw, it is made of boats, when the command all gets here, there will be 40,00 besides other commands that are going to Mobile from other points, stay here til the command all gets up, then push onto the city, , the general opinion is that the rebs won't stand a fight, I would like to have something to eat about now, but the prospect looks rather slim, the company is out building fortifications, I was on picket duty and police duty, so I am excused for the rest of the day, never felt better in my life, only my haversack is rather empty, will have to do with a shot letter ,I am not in a writing humor, wait til I get home, then I'll talk til you get tired, can see troops camping in every direction, 4 months and some days...</p>
26. 23	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from the rear of Mobile by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 31, 1865 concerning. . . at this time fighting day and night, now on the east side of Mobile Bay, our lines are 12 miles long, last Monday morning was the first we saw of the rebs, we soon drove them into their works, didn't have any very hard fighting, lost over 30 men killed and wounded in our brigade, only one man wounded in our regt., strange how our regt. has been so lucky, hope we will continue to have good luck, heard before we came that there was nothing to defend Mobile but old men and boys, that is a mistake, have never seen as many good fighting men in the south as what we are contending against, heavy cannonading going on, continual rolls of musketry, in rifle pits, not much danger as long as we keep our heads down, have the rebs entirely cut off by land and will soon have them so they cannot get out by water, , they have a very strong fort, I think it is going to be hard to take, I have been detailed to guard a train, I am out of all danger at present, going tomorrow after provisions, everything doing as well as can be expected, the earth almost quakes, my health is good, the health of our army is very good, in the best of spirits, P.S. I have not had any letters for some time, our mail is not very regular in war times...</p>
26. 24	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Spanish Fort, Al by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 13, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd today, glad to hear you are well, I am too, good news, General Lee has surrendered his army to General Grant, and or men took possession of the city of Mobile yesterday, we are guarding 3,300 prisoners, the rest have been sent off, we expect to go into Mobile in a few days, uor fellows charged the works at Blakely, General Steel and Andrews swung their hats and hallowed, the 69th Indiana only had 260 men and over 300 rebs surrendered to them, "the darkeys charged at the same time the rest did," all they could do after the rebs surrendered to keep the negroes from killing them, "the darkeys came along the other day guarding a lot of rebs & among them was some that use to be the darkeys masters," "if there is any</p>

	<p>creatures on earth that gets revenge it is negroes in guarding their own masters,” our loss has not been very heavy, nearly all the rebs are prisoners, Mobile is ours, boats running to and from the city, all believe the confederacy is played out, the old 94th thinks they have fired their last guns at rebs, talk is our brigade will go to Mobile and garrison that place til our time is out, the boys all think of spending the 4th of July in Bloomington, I am still guarding at the commissary, the rebs hospitals look like slaughter pens, their camps are filthy, don’t appear as if they belong to the same nation, gave them the same they gave our prisoners, it makes a man’s blood boil when he reads how they treated our men at Andersonville, have stamps enough to do me the rest of my time, have not been paid off for nearly 8 months, \$12 worth of clothing, April 14th, nothing new today, except our regt. has gone to Ship Island with prisoners, I heard this morning that our cavalry had whipped Old ___ up north of here in this state, expecting to go to Mobile soon, 4 months and 5 day will soon roll around, we all think we have done our last fighting...</p>
26. 25	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Spanish Fort, AL by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 29, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec’d a few days ago, in good health and fine spirits, we all think here the war has about come to an end, expected to be in Mobile by this time, but we are still at Spanish Fort, the talk now is that we will not go to Mobile, but go up the Mississippi, there is a report in camp that the first call of the 600,00 call will be mustered out of service first, if that is true we will be mustered out before our time is out, we were the 20th regt. and will be among the first, we are having easy times, we pass the time by laying around, tell Sarah, Mr. Daniels has been some sick for a few days with the flux but is much better today, getting warm down here, blackberries, we stew them and put in some sugar, I might have some fish if I was not so lazy, soldiers get very lazy here in this climate, we get enough to eat and have the best of spring water, I have not sent any money home for a long time, you may think I am spending money here, we have not been paid off since I sent you the \$100, tomorrow we will be mustered for 8 months pay, which will be \$144, I am strapped and have been for months, have not drawn but \$12 worth of clothing this year, when I get home, I can learn you how to darn and patch, it would surprise you to see how some of the soldiers can use a needle, some of the make their own vests, I can sit in my little cotton house and see the city and the boats and ships as they run up and down the bay, , would be a sight to you, no more a sight to me than a mule team, I would like to be where I could get some milk anda good old fashioned pot of cabbage and corn bread, I am getting tired of uncle Sam’s hardtack and sow belly, a few more days, keep in good spirits, the time is fast rolling around when I will be at home...</p>
26. 26	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from camp southeast of Mobile by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated May 13, 1865 concerning. . . I am in the best of health and spirits, everything very quiet down here, left Spanish fort last Sunday, came to Mobile, marched out 4 miles, where we are now camped, I was down to see the city yesterday, the stores are very lean, the rich people seem very much down because they are whipped, the poor all seem glad at the coming of the Yankees, the poor have suffered much for the comforts of life, the rich had a good supply</p>

	<p>laid in, the women in the city are small but good looking, I don't know where we will go next, some talk of us going to Texas, all the army in the south have surrendered but Kirby Smith in Texas, I will send you a paper that gives an account of the surrender of the rebel fleet, I saw it yesterday, we got some very nice steamboats, 17 boats, over 300 pieces of artillery and ammunition in large quantity, we came a different route from what the rebs expected, so all their works did not amount to a hill of peas, saw an amount of rebs in town yesterday that had come home on parole, all of us talked together as friends, as if there had never been war, I saw one Johnny that had been in four years, 25 battles and had not been scratched and told him he must be bullet proof, it is drill time, a little exercise is good for health, a report in camp we are going to Texas, , another report says we are going to be mustered out soon, for a change we had pigs for dinner the other day, and have been feasting on blackberries, I thought I would have a good dinner in town yesterday, but I did not get much extra, we were paid 6 months pay this week, so I have plenty of money now, I will keep it til I come home...</p>
<p>26. 27</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from camp southeast of Mobile by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated May 20, 1865 concerning. . . nothing new, still laying still, heard today we were going to be mustered out, I don't want to build up hopes on false rumors, the mail came, brought me a letter from you, glad to hear you are well, I don't think we will have any more fighting to do, I wish Iknew whe n iwould get home, you wanted to know if I was going to Illinois before I came to Ohio, it depends on where I am mustered out, if we are mustered out at New Orleans, I won't go to Illinois, but if we are mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, I will go to Heyworth and make a short stay, have been so long away from those who are near and dear to me, I won't waste much time in getting to the Old Buckeye State, keep in good spirits, it is only 3 months at the longest...</p>
<p>26. 28</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from camp southeast of Mobile by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 4, 1865 concerning. . . answering your two letters that I rec'd a few days ago, in good health and good spirits, the question used to be when will the war be over, now it's when will we come home, we thought we would be mustered out a few days ago, but I don't see much prospect of getting home for some time, I don't see what they are keeping us for, we are more anxious to get home that when the war was going on, our duty is light and we see easy times, yesterday we had a grand review, it was very warm coming back, several of the negro soldiers were sun struck, they had to be hauled in ambulances and some of them piled along the road, they can't stand heat near so well as white men, Salmon P. Chase of Ohio was present at the review you wanted to know what kind of name Mr. Daniels bore, a good name, you wrote that Sarah had rec'd a letter from Alphred Ducker, he is a good boy and conducts himself very prudently, this is Sunday, very warm, preaching in the afternoon, I rec'd a letter from Clark a few days ago, I answered and told him he need not write to me anymore, for I thought then that I would soon be at home, but now I don't see any chance of going home soon, the sooner we get out the better it will suit us, I will let you know so you can meet me in Cincinnati, the talk now is that we will be mustered out in our state, give my best wishes to all...</p>

26. 29	Photocopy of correspondence from Mobile, Al by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 10, 1865 concerning. . . we have been here 5 weeks tomorrow, and may stay here one week more, talk now is that we will be mustered out of the service as soon as the muster rolls come, we are looking for them in a day or two, it will take the best part of a week to make them out, we think we will be mustered out the last of next week, or the first of the week after, I wrote to you some time ago to write to me where you would meet me in Cincinnati, I am looking for a letter from you, as I have not had one for over a week, I will be very happy to meet you in the city if we can make the arrangements, Our officers are doing all they can to get the regt. to Bloomington by the 4 th of July, The citizens of Old McLean County are making great preparations to receive the boys in blue, but I don't think many of them will be dressed in blue, our time is so near out we can't draw anymore clothes from Uncle Same, and we are getting some ragged, I have not drawn anything but a pair of shoes for 6 months, I am patching and want the old rags to hold together til I get to Ills., then I will get something better, I have got two nice finger rings made for you and Mattie, I want to get your names cut on them, Abraham Kelley got bad news the last mail, his youngest child is dead, I know how to feel for him as I have passed through the same troubles, some of the boys are stopped writing thinking we will soon be home...
26. 30	Photocopy of correspondence from Pascagoula, Miss. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Jan. 29, 1865 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, you wrote you were some unwell, I want you to take medicine, so when warm weather comes you will have better health, you must be well rested up by the time I get home, I have been doing nothing for so long we will have to go to work harder than ever, but I don't intend to worry about that, if I am so fortunate to get safe through, I will be content with what is to come, you wrote the prospect was good to get the money on the farm, that will be very nice, I don't know how about buying (letter cuts off, no 2 nd page)
26. 31	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth date unknown (April?) concerning. . . April in the north, two winters have passed without me seeing any snow, suppose you are having very cold weather, this is bad climate for those that have your complaint, but very good for people who have the consumption, I would like much better to live in the north, it gets so very warm here in the summer, our time will be out in the hot season of the year, we are going on our last seven months, you wrote in your last letter the men were getting alarmed about the draft, that is one thing that doesn't trouble me, after a man serves 3 years he is exempt from draft til every man serves his time, I think when that is done the rebs will be willing to stop, I do not like war but it would not hurt my feelings to see some men drafted to let them know what war is, no news of importance, keep in good spirits...
26. 32	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth date unknown concerning. . . one is ebony, the white and red one Brazil wood, the largest Muskeet wood, the root of soap wood the Mexicans use for washing, it lathers like soap I was going to send them when I was at New Orleans, I would like for you to send me 2 pairs of woolen socks, the socks we draw from uncle Sam are very poor, the rest of our clothing is good and we get it very low, I also want a

	pair of suspenders, very stretchy, a great deal of stooping work, the buttons fly, yesterday I was loading shell in wagons, you can do up the socks in a small package, prospect looks as though we'll be out one more winter, now going on our last year, one of the rebels that deserted Fort Morgan and came out said the rebel general in the fort made them a speech and told them they never expected to whip the north, but for them to hold out til after the fall election that the north would split up and elect a man that would acknowledge their independence, I think Abraham is the man for that place, the soldiers are in for him,
26. 33	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to date unknown (faded) concerning. . . our regt, is all here now, everything is getting quiet in Texas (copy of 2 nd page of June 23 rd , 1865 letter)
26. 34	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to date unknown concerning. . . our duty has been heavy since we came here, but it will be lighter soon, as we have our big guns mostly mounted, the General says when we get all the big guns ready to operate, we can listen at the music, we have heard enough now to remind us of Vicksburg, our time is mostly 2/3 out (last page of Aug. 22 nd , 1864 letter)
26. 35	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth date unknown concerning. . . if any of the boys goes to town without passes, they get put in the guard house, I got a pass yesterday and went to town and bought two new shirts, two dollars for check shirts (last 2 pages of Nov. 4 th , 1862 letter)
26. 36	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow dated Jan. 1st, 1865 concerning. . . never saw as black white men as we are, we have to burn pitch pine and have to keep big log heaps to keep us warm, we get as black almost as negroes, we have not had a change of clothes for over 2 weeks, we have to wash our clothes in cold water, we have to do without shirts and drawers while we are washing and drying, we are almost living outdoors, but by keeping big fires and plenty of clothes we keep warm, our grub has been rather slim part of the time, sometimes we have to live on coffee and hardtack, the regt. is in the very best of health, I never enjoyed better health, we have to stay close to camp, ready for the rebs, the news from all quarters is good, the rebs are getting the worst of it all, but still they will keep fighting, we have won many victories at the later part of the year 1864 and as today is the commencement of a new year, my prayer is may the day soon come when the old stars and stripes the emblem of a civilization will float over every town and city throughout our entire nation, today is the last New Years I will have to spend in the army, I hope before this year comes to a close, this war will cease and we all can be at home enjoying the comforts of a civilized life...
26. 37	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to date unknown concerning. . . (part of Oct. 11, 1864 letter)
26. 38	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to date unknown concerning. . . there will be no fighting here, only by the gunboats and artillery, the rebs are all inside of a strong fort, if we get this place it is though t Mobile will be easily taken, one of our gun boats was struck 40 times with steel pointed balls, but they bounced harmless, our boats are throwing a shell every 15 minutes, we have got a hole to go into if they try to shell us, we have got our sharp shooters so close,

	the rebs can't work some of their big guns, you can see Clark and read his letter, I am not in as much danger as you think, I received four letters from you while at Carolton, and one from Thompson, I must tell you about Molly's Beau...(2 nd page of August 14th, 1864 letter)
26. 39	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow (?) to unknown date unknown concerning. . . of Wilmington, we are Co. B of the 40 th Regt. , commanded by Col. ___ of Union City, Ohio, a fine military man, awaiting marching orders, we will most likely go to Ky, since we came to camp, 2 of our company have died, a ___, son of Mahlon ___ and Wm. K ___, much sickness in the company, many cases of measles, Joshua is teaching in Hoveysburg, the girls and David are cooking, don't know much about neighborhood news, many of the boys are in the army, I was sorry to hear of the death of your little girl, I often think of you, think of old time when we were boys, I am going to settle in Jay county, Indiana if I get through the war, I have one picked out to be my partner who is now feeling very sad... (letter ends abruptly) (different handwriting)
26. 40	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to unknown date unknown concerning. . . (?)
26. 41	Photocopy of correspondence from Blackford County, Indiana by Almon Morrow to (C.?) D. Davis dated Jan. 15, 1852 concerning. . . information concerning the hosier Country, we have had the severest winter, thermometer has stood 17 degrees below zero, snow from the first of November until the present, the Hartmans and me do not agree yet, I believe it will be best for me to sell and leave the neighborhood, your land joins mine, you ought to have it if you want to buy it you can have it for \$400, 200 hundred down and the balance in one year, if you buy it, you can have possession next fall, if you want to buy it you must respond immediately, I have been offered \$350, _____has sold his 40 acres for \$400, I should get \$600 for my 60, if you buy me out, I'd want the first payment in two months, I want to buy again about 4 miles from where I live, I expect to be in Oakland next spring to mould bricks for Enoch W. Harlan...
26. 42	““A Long Road to Travail”: Civil War Letters from an Illinois Volunteer Part II” by Clayton C. Reeve of Tennessee State University
26. 43	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 21, 1863 concerning. . .(faint first and last page) my duty to carry myself strait, I have not played cards nor took any part in the many vices that is in camp, there are men that have families at home that do things I would not be guilty of for no money, I often think of you and long to see the day when we can be together, the news is favorable, live in hopes that this war will soon end, we have very comfortable quarters and our grub is rather short, but we get along very well, we have preaching in the church in town, Sunday school, preaching Tues. night, singing school on Wed. evening, and prayer meeting Thurs. night, we can pass the time very well, we have good water, expect to get 2 months pay tomorrow
26. 44	Insert? – dated Sept. 16, 1863
26. 45	Photocopy of handwritten genealogical information on Templin family

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27. 1	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 5, 1862 concerning. . . received your letter, I am well, have not missed drilling but once, I got permission of the captain to go to St. Louis to see the town, the street car runs from town out to the barracks, costs 10 cents down and 10 cents back, there is about to be a footrace, five dollars bet that John Birdsel is one of the parties concerned, increased playing in our company, prayer meetings, I don't know when we will leave, perhaps in one week, may be longer, I have no idea where we will be taken to, plenty to eat, we have pork, beef, bread, potatoes, rice, hommony, sugar, salt, molasses, beans, soup, we can buy all the peaches, apples, onions, milk, pies, sweet cakes we want, don't buy many, some hard looking women that peddle fruit and pies, Mrs. Tinker's brother, he has been on guard twice for not obeying orders, the common time is two hours on and four hours off, he is on four hours on and two off, I have not been on guard yet, but expect to soon, this is Saturday and the mail will not go out until Monday, I will stop and finish tomorrow, the footrace is over, Birdsel got beat, (faint last page) Tolar got a letter from Adah today... (Star-spangled Angel Paper)</p>
27. 2	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from by Almon Morrow to "dear Companion," Ruth dated Sept. 8, 1862 concerning. . . I am well, Reader, Short, Dr. Noble and several others arrived here yesterday and presented to us a very fine flag which was received with many cheers, we have received or guns and uniforms, expect our stay here will be short, looking to be called away every day, I want you to write and tell me all the news, how the horses are doing and if the cain is going to be worth anything, "how would you like your man walking around here with two old hoars," One Winning Hooten was escorting a couple around here, for my part, I expect to remain true to my companion instead of giving way to the many vices in camp, guard against them and to get better rather than to grow worse, we have the very best of preachers here, I heard a catholic last Sunday night, Reader said you were talking of sending some things to me, they would be thankfully received, but I can get along without them, am glad you sent me my socks, I bought one pair, breakfast is called, Mrs. Van sent John Harvey some good things, tomatoes, apple butter, plain butter, some of the others had sweet cakes, I want you to send me your likeness, I had mine taken yesterday and will send it by Reader, Molly's brother is sick, nothing serious (faint last page) (Star and Shield Paper)</p>
27. 3	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Rolla by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 11, 1862 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, we left Benton Barrack yesterday morning, this morning finds me in the southwest part of Missouri, , don't expect we will stay here more than two or three days, I don't know where we will go next, came through the hardest country yesterday I ever saw, , this is a hard world, nothing but solid rock some of the hills are three hundred feet high, , nothing but solid stone, never saw so much rough country in my life, tolerable good for the first ten miles outside St. Louis, the rest of the way was awful hard, except now and then there was a good farm, timber land nearly all the way, water is hard to get, but I am not complaining as long as my health is good, we left James Cooper Milton Warmsley Heirm Noble at the hospital, they are not very sick, Reader took my socks back with him, I expect we will go in a short</p>

	time to Springfield, which is 120 miles away, that trip we will take a foot, well wishes, direct letters to Rolla, Mo, Co. B, 94 th Reg. Ills. Vol., Care of Capt. J. C. McFarland?...
27. 4	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 16, 1862 concerning. . . I have been quite sick, but have got all straight again and feel as well as ever, we have left Rolla and are traveling southwest, our company has bought a yoke of oxen and a wagon leaux and cover on for \$65 to haul our knapsacks in, it will cost us 75 cents apiece, we can sell it back for as much as we paid when we get to our journey's end, you wrote to me asking to send you the money, you better save what you have for fear of running out, you wanted to know how much I let John have, you ask him, I'm sure he will do right if he has done anything wrong...
27. 5	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 22, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter, was glad to hear from you, I am well and hearty, we have been on a march for 6 days, we will get through tomorrow, some of the boys can't stand up to it very well, we left Gorman John IZARD Sam Stillman bill Warmsly and one or two others at the hospital yesterday morning in the town of Lebanon, I have not come through a town since we left St. Louis as big as Heyworth, the country here is a little better than it was, but I would not live here, plenty of peaches, we have run out of meat, some of the boys are killing pigs, some calves, no more trouble to travail here than in Illinois, when the army is going through, the people are al union, we have about 5,000 in out gang, we are going to Springfield, I expect we will stay there a few days, I must stop, we have orders to move, write soon and tell all the news, I have not forgot you if I am far away...
27. 6	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Sept. 30, 1862 concerning. . . have had the ague every other day since I have been in this camp, I have been taking medicine pretty strong, I don't see any cause for the ague, this is the highest point of the Ozark Mountains and we have good spring water, we will probably stay her e some time, got our regiments to work on the fort, they work half an hour then rest half an hour and get 25 cents extra per day, you wrote about us killing sesech, if it has been done, I don't know it, it may be some time before we get into a fight, and it may not be very long, it is hard to tell, bought myself a peach pie, it was not such as you make, it had a thick tough crust, if I had some tomatoes and potatoes, we have beef, pork, beans, rice, coffee, sugar, we can get peaches for 30 cents per bushel, we have light bread part of the time and hard crackers the other times, we draw flour and make leather bread, I have drawn my overcoat, under coat, and two pairs of drawers, two pairs of socks, one pair of pants, one cap(?), my shirts I have not drawn yet, I still wear those that I brought from home, they have been washed til they look very yellow, , you never wrote to say if you received the clothes I sent from the barracks, , Major Laughlin is going to start to St. Louis tomorrow to get our money, I will send it to you when I get it, I don't think you have any reason to complain of John as long as he does well, I think he will be alright if you treat him right, which I trust you will, tell me what the war news is in your part and the news in general, I will tell you how we pass the time, some fiddle and dance,

	<p>some play cards, some sing, we have a very good preacher, when we were on the march, he would walk and let sick men ride, Tolar gets a letter from Adah every two days, she fills a sheet of the largest size of writing paper, Richard Seltzer is sick with the fever but not serious, I still remain your true companion and won't forget you and hope the time will soon come when we will be together, direct to Springfield, Mo...</p>
27. 7	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Springfield, Mo by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 4, 1862 concerning. . . enjoying good health, have got entirely over the chills, have been well for some time, I have a better appetite than I had last summer, glad to hear you were well, we have plenty to eat, very nice weather, only one rain since we have been in the state, it snowed a few days ago, stand guard once a week and drill two hours per day, in the afternoons we have nothing to do but write letters, we stick close to camp, it is against the rules to go far from camp without a written pass from the captain, we have no guard around the camp, if any of the boys go to town without passes, they get put in the guard house, I got a pass yesterday and went to town, bought two new shirts, everything here is very high, all the goods that are brought here have to be hauled in wagons 130 miles, I paid \$2 for check shirts, I drew flannel undershirts, inventory of clothing items, the poor sesesh get no pay, no clothes, some of the sesesh prisoners have no blankets, nothing but shirts and pants and old worn out shoes, they are in bad condition for cold weather, false report of rebs near here, we can get St. Louis papers, you ought not stay close to home, go round and see as good time as you can, you wrote Thompson had sold old Sam, I couldn't make out the name of who he sold it to, "we hear the niggers are coming in to Illinois by the car-load," I would like to know if it is so, write and tell me how it is, if you get papers with lots of good news in them, you may send me one occasionally as it only costs one cent, I will stop, tell J. (B or R) to put a few lines in occasionally and by that means I can get more news</p>
27. 8	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Springfield, Mo by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 10, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter of Nov. 5th, glad to hear from you, did not expect to hear so much about Jim and Molly, I have been cautious about what I write for fear it might get out, I will keep a close mouth after this, we have orders to leave here tomorrow, don't know where we will go, going on a march, buying a mule team to haul our knapsacks, much easier on us, I will send you \$10, me and Bill Tasswaters have been out with four sesesh prisoners to dig a grave, I am standing guard today, my health is good, I want you to save the money I am sending you to pay taxes with, there will be \$26 more coming before long, I have got postage stamps twice, four one time, six another...</p>
27. 9	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Springfield, Mo by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 11, 1862 concerning. . . we are to shortly leave this place, since we have been here we have had extra good times, plenty to eat, fire places to out tents, have lived comfortable, bought a team of mules to haul our knapsacks, I think it is a certain thing that we will go south, it may be difficult to get letters, no regular mail, may be as long as 3 or 4 weeks before we can get letters, we will go into Arkansas, worse roads than any we have come over, we will travail over</p>

	<p>rocks and mountains, not telling here we will go, some think we will go to Littlerock, about 300 miles from here, we will have to leave about 20 of our company that are sick, Jerry Short will not be able to go, nor Towler, nor Albert Bradley and others you are not acquainted with, we'll have some fighting to do for a change, I have sent you \$15, we are looking for more money soon, but if we don't get it before we leave this place, there will be no chance to send it home, if you run out of money you can sell some corn, I would like to see you all, but that is out of my power, I will stop for now, rant around camp to see if I can stir up more news to fill this page, I have learned nothing more of importance, a hard shower of rain, wind, I began to think our tent was going to blow down, but it stood the storm, we have had nice weather most of the time, send me some postage stamps, direct your letters as before, may be some time yet before I get out of reach of mail, I will write again soon, this is an unjust war, it parts man and wife...</p>
27. 10	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 20, 1862 concerning. . . rec'd your letter, glad to hear you are well, I am also, we left Springfield on the 13th, marched one day, stayed two nights, then started towards St. Louis, marched one day in that direction, stayed two nights, news of fighting down near Arkansas, started to march again at noon, in the rain, traved til 4 o'clock the next morning, cloudy and rainy, very dark, some teams did not get to camp til noon the next day, the road was very bad, I was with the teams, 150 teams, we started from the camp, marched 8 miles which took two days for the teams to get through, I was with the teams, we traved 5 miles and stalled out about a dozen times, had to stop for the night, we had 6 barrels of sugar, several sacks of coffee and rice, one load of tents, plenty of crackers, some of the boys killed a shoat, the news now is that we are not needed and we will go back to Springfield, how true that is, I cannot say, not much prospect for us getting into any battle soon, we have marched four days and one night and are only 12? Miles from Springfield, you wrote to me about fattening one of the sows, if you think your stalk has improved enough, you may fatten one of them... James Mcquarter or Reader... I want you to have plenty of meat, tell them I will pay for the hogs as soon as I can, tell them you want the hogs for your own use, they will get their pay sometime, your wrote you were done going to Longfront, what's the matter with you and the Camellites, "there is not ten minutes in a day but what I think of you and home," I have not done anything that I would be ashamed for, I will get more paper (letter ends abruptly)</p>
27. 11	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Arkansas by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 24, 1862 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, still camped where we have been since the battle, I don't know when we will leave here, some think we will be here sometime, we marched 110 miles with twelve hours of sleep, was very hard, but we do nothing now (faint photocopy) ... "the time will soon come when we will again have peace restored to our land again," I have been studying things over about Thompson's affairs, I hardly know what would be best, If I thought there was any chance to get George to come and stay with you, but that would be slim, The best way I know of will be to let Thompson crop and you board him and his intended, if you can do better or see any chance that will suit</p>

	you that will do better pitch in, I would like to know if you have the tax paid, if you haven't paid it and have no money to, you will have to borrow some til I get my pay, I will soon have \$50, five dollars of sesesh... Towler, homesick, Thompson marrying her...
27. 12	Copy of document 27.11
27. 13	Photocopy of correspondence from Arkansas by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 26, 1862 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, I wrote to you a few days ago, Robert Willson is going home and I thought it would be a good chance to send you a letter, we have a poor chance here to get letters, they come by teams when they come through, we expect to leave here tomorrow on a scout, expect to be gone 5 or 6 days, we will leave our tents, take our blankets, this is the warmest weather for winter I ever saw, it is almost like May weather, one thing I want you to do when Bob Wilson comes, I want you to send me your and Mattie's likeness by him, I would like to have them, send those you had taken in Bloomington, you may just send the plates without the cases as they will be more convenient to carry, nothing interesting has transpired lately, I have not rec'd a letter from you in several days, our chances for getting mail is not very good, you may still direct to Springfield, still remain your true friend and hope I may see you soon
27. 14	Photocopy of correspondence from (Vanburen?) by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Jan. 4, 1863 concerning. . . left old camp, moved 15 miles, I am still well, ...the Arkansas River to a town by the name of Vanburen, where we expected to have a fight, but the rebels ran across the river, we took the town and four steamboat loaded with sugar, tobacco, and molasses and corn, no fight and took 400 or 500 prisoners, we didn't take tents or blankets with us, I've been writing to you about hills, but I never saw any hills til we crossed the Boston Mountains, I saw rocks as big as a barn, I sent a letter to you by way of Bob Wilson, I want you to sent me your and Mattie's likeness, it is the Sabbath day, warm and pleasant, if I was at home we could ride out together, live in hopes that the time will come when such privileges will be allotted to us again, have not had any letters from you in some time, , our mail is very un-regular, I want you to write, I will write when I can, about Thompsons and you living together, I don't know what is for the best, but I will not sell the team now, how long the war will last is hard to tell, if they did as well everyplace as we did here, the war would soon end, it is about played out here, how they are doing other places, I don't know, we don't get much news, we have marched 420 miles since we come out, expect to start again soon, , I expect we will go back towards Springfield, don't get down hearted, beside all things live a good life...
27. 15	Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Feb. 24, 1863 concerning. . . a few lines to let you know about matters and things, I am well and hearty, I rec'd a letter from Clark yesterday stating that there was no chance to get George to come out and farm for you, also stated that James Humphreys has failed to pay any more on the farm and would have to take it back, if I do have to take it back, I have no notion of every moving back to it, I have thought of two or three things for you to do, If there is no way for you to get Thompson or someone else trusty and satisfactory, perhaps Thompson would take my team

	<p>and farming utensils and pay me for the use of them, and you store the house goods in some safe place and go to Ohio til this fuss is over, if Thompson won't farm satisfactory, see if he will do as I said, you can sell him your meat and cow and sell the corn and go home where it might be less trouble to you, if I have any chance, I will come home, but I think that is doubtful, hard for anyone to get off now, Sam and Henry are well, you may study the different ways over and do as you like best, keep in good spirits, live in hopes, write soon and tell me about things, tell Reader to send me a newspaper occasionally, I have not had a letter from you in two weeks, remain your true friend and well wisher, pray for my safe delivery</p>
<p>27. 16</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Mountain Grove by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 5, 1863 concerning. . . we have moved, camped in a large field, nothing raised on it last year, it is the property of sesech, regular sesech country, hardly any union men in it, all the rebels are gone to the sesech army and their families are hard up to get anything to live on, when we camp in sesech land, we burn rails by the thousands, we have marched 700 miles since we come out, have not seen any place in Missouri or Arkansas I would want to live, many things pleasing to the eye, but the most pleasing thing now would be you and little Mattie, I hear talk of soldiers being granted furloughs, if there is any chance I will improve it, have not had a letter from you for some time, mail is not very regular, we are about 75 miles from Rolla, mail all comes in wagons, some think we will stay here for some time and then go back into Arkansas, but that is all guess work, news here that they are going to drafting, I still live in hopes that there will be some turn in affairs, so I will be permitted to return home, not much prospect of us getting into a fight soon, I have a bad cold, I have been anxious for some time to know if Thompson is going to farm for you and how much do you have to pay him, sow 15 to 20 acres of wheat and plant 30 acres in corn, and rent the rest out if Thompson won't work for you, you will have to get someone else, don't pay him anymore if he don't work for you, I think this summer will end the war, I have not forgot you nor never will while I live and have my senses...</p>
<p>27. 17</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Gladen Valley, MO by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 29, 1863 concerning. . . still camped in the same place , talk that we will move tomorrow, then we will be close to the railroad, can then hear the cars, first time for over six months we will be between Rolla and St. Louis, we are going there to forage, some think we will hold some post on the railroad, I feel like I would like to be at home today, I am still in hopes that there are many pleasant days in store for us in the future, Gibbs and Gerry are both well, our company is generally well, Gibbs and I have many a good chat together, I get along very well with all the boys, some men in our company I think are as good as a brother, time appears to pass very fast, some kind of fun going off all the time, I generally have my share, but when there is any swearing or card playing, I don't have any hand in it, You expected I would get rough, but I see so much swearing going on, it disgusts me, some talk there will be a chance to get furloughs, this is a cold blustery day, I rec'd a letter from Samuel Morrow and James Nickerson, they are in Tennessee, both wel and in good spirits, had a ride</p>

	<p>of 800 miles on the steamboat, we have marched about 900 miles since we come out, but most of the time, we have only marched 40 or 50 miles at one time, the longest tramp we ever had at one time was when we had the battle, we marched 14 miles in 3 days, we drill one hour in a day and go on dress parade in the evening, the rest of the time we don't do anything but cook and eat, I have gotten to be a pretty good cook, I was out the other day and slept on a feather bed, the first bed I have slept on since I left home, the people here don't have any cook stoves nor safes ,or bureaus, they have log houses, they cut a hole for the window, they have clear corn bread and meat and sorgum molasses...</p>
27. 18	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 11, 1863 concerning. . . have been having a chat with Mrs. Seltzar, she arrived here last evening with her children to see her dearly beloved, , several of the citizens arrived here yesterday from around Heyworth, a great satisfaction to see and hear from the friends at home, have been looking every day for a letter from you, looked in vain until yesterday, before that the last was from the 23rd of March, I have wrote regularly every four or five days, I calculate to get a furlough and come home in 4 or 5 weeks, the law allows us 30 days, but everyone wants to go home, so they thought it best to put it at 15 days, they only allow 3 to go at a time, there is any amount of women here from McLean county, they look rather better than the Missouri, they look straight all the way down with no hoops, I think you are improving on letter writing, the last is the best written I have had from you, I am glad to hear Thompson is done sowing wheat, everyone that sees me says I don't look as well as I used to, I only weigh 159 lbs., that is 39 lbs. less than I have weighed, but I feel better than when I am so fat, I don't feel so lazy, I will not write to J (L?) R this time, but you can tell him I am glad to hear from him, I want you to write soon and often, P.S., I expect to get paid off soon, \$52 apiece and \$26 due us yet</p>
27. 19	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 19, 1863 concerning. . . beautiful Sabbath morning, I am well except a bad cold, a beautiful day, if I could be with you, it would be a day of pleasure, as I am deprived of that privilege, I will communicate my thought on paper, have had quite a number of ladies with us for a few days, it seemed natural to see the little ones playing around, I almost wish you had come along with Mrs. Laughlin, but I still think I will get to come home, I had a very friendly chat with Mrs. Seltzer and Mrs. Laughlin yesterday, they leave here today and go to Rolla on their way home, I will send this letter by Mrs. Laughlin and \$10, I want you to tell me in your next letter who you got the last money from and how much you got, I paid Capt. Mack \$20, perhaps I will have more when I get home, I would say you may as well sell the corn if the price is good, I will send you a receipt that Capt. gave me for the money, I will send Mattie five cents for candy money, write soon and often, the most pleasure I take is when I get your letters, you can visit Mrs. Laughlin and she can tell you more</p>
27. 20	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Vicksburg by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 29, 1863 concerning. . . answer your letter I received this morning, rather unexpected, glad to learn you were well and happy, only three weeks ago today I was at home enjoying the comforts of a civilized life, but now I am in the army</p>

	<p>where there is one hundred thousand men, the canons are roaring most of the time, night and day, and the infantry go out among the hills and get in the rifle pits, when a reb shows his head, he gets plugged, you told me to keep clean, but we have to lay down in the dirt and wallow around in the rifle pits and digging ditches, men at work night and day, work two hours and rest four, not so hot here, we are camped on the side of a hill in the shade, we have not got into Vicksburg yet, but we are gaining slowly, I think it will be taken mostly by canon in order to save lives, don't worry for we are not in as much danger as you think we are, my health is good, I have got over the chills, I hope we may yet meet again, write soon</p>
27. 21	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated July 6, 1863 concerning. . . I am well, have had two chills since I wrote to you last, but feel well now, good all over in spirits, Vicksburg surrendered on the 4th of this month, "our men marched in and stuck up the old stars and stripes, which are now floating over the stronghold in the southern confederacy," we surrounded them and kept pelting away at them until their grub ran out and they came to eating mule meat, we have made the greatest capture during this war, we have taken 30,000 prisoners and 35,000 guns, 300 pieces of artillery, all their tents, wagons, mules, horses, ammunition, and various other things, we are now camped in sight of town, right in among the rebs, every hollow and hil are lined with them, when I am cooking the rebs stand around and look as wishful as hungry dogs, they have been nearly starved for two weeks, yesterday morning I was cutting up a nice ham, I asked one fellow if Jeff gave them such meat, they thought we lived mighty well, Old Abe gave us everything that was good, I have talked with a great many of them, they say if they can get out, they will never fight anymore, some of them say they are going to fight til the last one is killed, I tell the chaps we have got as much money and men and provisions as they have and we could stand it as long as they could, some of them talk very kind, others are tolerable saucy, I give them as good as they send, writing paper is worth 28 cents per sheet, envelopes are 10 cents apiece, butternut pant? \$7 a pair, shoes \$7, common wool hats \$15, boots from \$50 to \$100 per pair, I had a walk yesterday viewing the forts, the rebs have holes dug in the hills to run into when our shells come over, the hills and forts are full of holes and caves dug in the ground, they have them in town for the women and children to go in, there are some very nice houses in town, I was at the edge of town yesterday and nearly every house is a hospital and all the yards are full of tents, the report is that the rebs have over 1,000 sick and wounded, I will write soon...I will send you some sesesh writing paper</p>
27. 22	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Vicksburg by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated July 22, 1863 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, we had a march out in the country from Yazoo City twenty three miles, we went out expecting to find a few rebs but there was none, we were gone four days, yesterday morning we left Yazoo City, this morning finds me on the opposite side of Vicksburg, seated on the boat where our destination is next, when we were on that scout, we captured any amount of mules and wagons, "there was two boat loads of negroes come down the river with us and we have taken lots of cotton from the sesesh, many</p>

	<p>things have transpired on our last expedition, the way things are it looks as if the war is nearly at an end, at least thing look much more favorable than any time since the war began, as far as personal knowledge extends, we have whipped the rebs in this section and reports say everywhere else, the report is how we are going to land on the other side of the river, I will send you a paper we had printed in Yazoo, if it goes through safe I don't want you to lend it, keep it til I get home, well, the boat crossed the river and we have got into camp, it has been very hot here today, one of Co. B was sun struck, since I started writing this morning, I have recd. a letter from you and one from Clark, when I can I write twice a week, when I have been working in the hot sun, I don't feel much like writing, so you must excuse me, I will stop for now, when I get more time, I will write again, remain your ever true friend, I sent \$15 to reader to pay Kelley with, I sent it by the preacher, I want you to write and tell me if he got it...</p>
27. 23	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Port Hudson by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 11, 1863 concerning. . . answering your letter I recd. today, glad to hear from you and to hear how things are at home, I also recd a letter from Davis, they were all well and crops prosperous, still at Port Hudson, may be here for some time yet, no idea what will be our destination, we don't get much news here, the last news we had was from Charleston, everything was going on very well, "the general opinion is the rebellion is playing out as fast as it can," they may hold out til cold weather, but I think that is as long as the rebs can fight, if the copperheads in the north would go in for the union and show the south they were all determined, the rebellion would soon play out, the rebs have some hopes the north will resist the draft and they will get to fighting amongst themselves, I am still cooking and eating and laying under the shade of the big oak tree, the weather is still very warm, health of the regt. is not very good, you wrote that I aught to be at home to eat chickens and sweet potatoes and melons, I would like it very well, we run out of grub or nearly so last week, we lived two days on crackers and coffee, I must stop now and help carry down provisions, "you and little Matty are as fresh in my mind as the day I left home, I never will forget you while I live," remain your true friend and loving husband</p>
27. 24	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from New Orleans by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 15, 1863 concerning. . . we have made another move down the river, we are in camp six miles above New Orleans, about a half mile from the Mississippi River, we have got the nicest camp we have ever had, the timber that grows her is entirely different from the north, a grove so thick that the sun hardly shines through, shaded by the percon? Magnolia live oak and orange trees, any amount of figs here, there is a town a mile and a half above here called Carolton, the cars run every hour in the day from there to New Orleans, I want to go down before long to see the city, I think we will stay here til cooler weather, would not be surprised the next move we made would be to Mobeel on the coastm the more we travail, the more I will get to see, it is about 150 miles from Fort Hudson to this place and I saw no timber on either side of the river for some distance, all cleared out along the river, well improved, the finest houses and yards I ever saw, every farm looked like a town, from ten to thirty negro houses, nothing raised this year, the negroes running away, we got to Carolton day before</p>

	<p>yesterday, stayed in town that night, could buy anything we wanted to eat, this section of country has been in our possession for some time, but where the rebs have possession everything is four prices, the difference in Yazoo City, flour was worth over 100 per barrel, in New Orleans it is worth from seven to nine, what the rebs see to fight for is more than I can tell, but if they are not satisfied, we will lick them more, we have got messed off in small messes, I have got a good mess, I am in with Gibbs and Jerry, Gibbs is not very well, apt to have easy times for a while, we expect to get paid off before long, I am a great ways from home and 1,200 miles, but it was not very long ago that I was home, I keep in good spirits, I hope I may be permitted to return home [soon], glad to hear of you going to meeting regular, hope you will continue, preachers in other regts. close by, I will write soon, I forgot to tell you I was well, my health is good</p>
27. 25	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from New Orleans by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 23, 1863 concerning. . . let you know I am still on the land of the living and in the enjoyment of good health, have not had any chills for four weeks, never felt better, some of the boys are getting better, some others are unwell, we had a grand review yesterday, over forty regts. out and a lot of cavalry and artillery, it made quite a show, the generals rode around very fine, we showed on the Louisiana bottoms, I received a letter from Clark, they were all well, he saw your folks a short time before they were well, I have not had a letter from you since I have been here, we have got mail three times...(blurry copy) Mrs. Kelly got letters often, I will not blame you...making preparations now to send all the sick to New Orleans, if we go to either of those places we will go downriver and then to sea, it will be a long ride to either place, I hope I will get a letter from you before we leave, will send you some money the first chance I get, too much risk to send it by mail from here, live in hopes of better days</p>
27. 26	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Morganza, LA by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Oct. 8, 1863 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, still at the same place as before, talk is that we will not be here much longer, the rebs have left, there is nothing to keep us here, some think we will go back to Car[o]lton, close to New Orleans, have not had a letter from you since I wrote last, have got letters regular from you for the last 4 or 5 weeks, we have got this place well fortified, the rebs are afraid to come in, we have burned a sight of buildings, eat a small quantity of sweet potatoes, if we go back down the river, we will get paid off, if there is any chance to get my likeness taken, I will send it to you, if we do not go back down the river, I don't know when I will have a chance to get it taken, I will try to send you some money, we have nearly four months pay due, I will stop and eat dinner, I had dinner, we had crackers, fresh beef, sweet potatoes, peas, coffees, molasses, we live tolerable well, we have very comfortable quarters, we have a nice fire place, only time will tell what kind of place we will get to next if we leave here, the weather has got cool and pleasant, the health of our men is generally good, not much to write as we don't get much news here, you get most of the news before we do, I hear the corn is badly injured by the frost, I would like to see you once more, I long to see the day when we can all return home to those that are near and dear to us, keep in good spirits, take things cool as</p>

	possible, some curse and swear when things don't go to suit them, but that is not my way, I often think of you and Mattie, I have to work this afternoon...
27. 27	Photocopy of correspondence from the rear of Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 14, 1864? concerning. . . I am well and hearty and on what is called Mobile Point, I wrote you a letter at Carolton, we expected to stay there some time, we landed on the 5 th and left on the 7 th for this place and got here on the 8 th and landed the 9 th , I wrote to Clark and gave him all the particulars, excuse the short letter, the mail goes out in one hour, we have got the rebels entirely surrounded so they can't get out, there will be no fighting done here, only by the gunboats and artillery, the rebs are all inside of a strong fort, if we get this place it is though t Mobile will be easily taken, one of our gun boats was struck 40 times with steel pointed balls, but they bounced harmless, our boats are throwing a shell every 15 minutes, we have got a hole to go into if they try to shell us, we have got our sharp shooters so close, the rebs can't work some of their big guns, you can see Clark and read his letter, I am not in as much danger as you think, I received four letters from you while at Carolton, and one from Thompson, I must tell you about Molly's Beau, she would not go to long Pointe with Shorts, she waited til they left and her and Mays got all buggy, went over, Jate(?) said they was as loving as two kittens, after the celebration was over they went to Wapella together, some fellow had Jenny Dibble, they both got drunk and left the girls to get home the best they could, the young men had to be hauled home in wagons so that split the quills between he any Molly, the young man since has left for parts unknown, I hope that will be a lesson for Molly to not fall in love too deep with strangers, I think she is getting old enough to know how to act, this is Sunday and it is raining, but we are well sheltered in our cotton houses, it has rained more since we came here than all the time we spent in Texas, we have good water and enough to eat, the Gulf is on one side of us and Mobile Bay on the other, a very nice place, bathe in the salt water, the health is mostly good, I have been in a hurry, you must excuse my writing, direct to New Orleans...
27. 28	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Aug. 18, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter that came today, enjoying good health, we are tolerably well situated, the rebs threw a few shells at our camp the other night, but they passed over before they bursted, we ran into our bombproofs that we had dug in the sand hills, our men are working day and night putting up heavy guns in full view of the rebel fort, I don't see the reason they don't fire at us, we will soon have 30 pieces of artillery up on land besides I don't know how many on the gunboats, it looks as if they are going to put us through all the trouble they can and then surrender, if they don't we expect to put two or three hundred shot and shell in the rebel fort, I have no idea how long we will be in taking Fort Morgan, it is a very strong place, we have got them entirely surrounded and there is no chance for them to get out, only as they desert, coming out a few at a time, but they are watched so close they can hardly get out, a few came down from Mobile, (pages from other letters, Aug. 22 nd and Aug 12 th , 1864)...I saw four come down from Mobile the other day, said they had been trying to get away for some time, I was out fishing the other day, we caught

	some fish and lots of sea crabs, and gathered a lot of oysters, this is counted a healthy place...
27. 29	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Al by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 21, 1864 concerning. . . (Located in Folder 1) answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, glad to learn that your health is improving, I am in good health, my eyes are as well as ever, this is a rainy cold day, but we are well sheltered, we are going to build chimblly's to our tents, prospects look favorable for us to stay here this winter, it is warm here most of the time, turns cold very sudden, I am well off for clothes, 3 pairs of pants, 2 pairs of drawers, 2 knit undershirts, 2 coats, and 1 cavalry overcoat, we can draw infantry overcoats, but I don't like them, I saved \$20 of my clothing money, my socks came yesterday, the suspenders you sent, "some of the boys said they wished they had a wife at home to send them such things. Some of the boys ask me if you have got sisters," I got 4 stamps in your letter, I rec'd a letter from (Sarh?) and one letter from Davis, and one from J.R. Thomson, Davis and JR have been to Iowa to see the country, but have come to the conclusion that Old McLean suits them best, Davis wrote that Arther had mended up my harness, Uncle Thomson says Davis has made more this summer than all the rest of his time in Illinois, I think I was lucky to get out of Egypt as soon as I did, I have a strong notion to write to Davis and tell him to sell trim, she will not have a colt in the spring, and as she is going on 11 years old and is not going to raise a colt in the spring, I better sell her, I can get a good young mare for what trim will sell for, we are going on our last 9 months, do you get any letters from John Shorts, Thomson says John and Jim Mac is strong copperheads, I must tell you what the people of McLean are doing for the 94th, they are making up 2 carloads of vegetables and dried fruit and canned fruit, the citizens of Bloomington are going to send a box of (pipes?) to the Regt., smoking is a great fashion in the army, one man is going to send 17 barrels of potatoes, the regt. is in much better condition than it was some time ago, tell Clark this, the copperheads hate the soldiers, and well they should for the soldiers have been knocking some of them around Bloomington, copperheads had a good time before the election, so many got drunk they had the Caliboose full before noon, some news of the election, hear it is going all right, enjoy yourself the best you can, the most satisfaction a soldier has is to get letters, How are Henry's remains to be taken home, tell the boys to write to me...</p>
27. 30	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville, TX by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Nov. 15, 1863 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, I have got farther from home than ever before, we are in the southwest part of Texas on the riogrande river at a town called Brownsville, I can see across the river in Mexico, we was on the big waters 12 days, we had a storm one day on the gulf, the old ship rolled and the waves run very high, we all got safe over except one of the cooks he fell overboard and drowned, we landed 35 miles from here, the rebs left this place as soon as they heard we landed, our regt. was the first in this town, the citizens were very glad to see us, they furnished us with provisions, the people here are mostly for the union, since I began this letter, the mail came, brought me three letters, from you, Sallie, and Thompson, Thompson wants Mike and my plows</p>

	<p>and harness, you said you wanted me to get back by next spring, I would like to if I could, but wars are uncertain, you may let Thompson have Mike to work, you may sell Thompson the plows and harness, you can stay in Illinois, I have read J B(R?)'s letter over again, he don't want the harness, you may put them in safe keeping, I would like to see an end to this war and return home, all I can do is to live in hopes of better days, in a very pleasant place, it is warm, haven't seen any frost, very healthy here, we have good water, some of the boys drank 2 quarts, we have been hard up for grub some of the time, but will have plenty soon, not much timber in this country, some little scrubby thorn bushes, most of the people here are Mexicans, they are nearly as black as negroes, I would have written sooner, but this was the first chance to send mail, some talk of us staying here to hold this place, Texas is loyal to what most of---the south, a great many of them enlisting in our army (end of letter is blurry)</p>
27. 31	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 5, 1863 concerning. . . still at Brownsville and no prospect of leaving, easy times, go on guard every third day, health of regt. is good, no news, we don't know anything that is going on, have not had any mail for 3 weeks, provisions of all kinds are high here, onions are 10 cents apiece, corn is \$3.50 per bushel, the people here are mostly Mexicans, they are nearly as black as negroes, the women are worse than the men, I think of you often and would like to see you, as that is impossible, I will have to content myself and want for better times, live in hopes, keep in good spirits, I hope the time will come when I can return to my home, I am no more sick of war than I was at first, for I knew it was no pleasant thing, direct as usual</p>
27. 32	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Dec. 15, 1863 concerning. . . answering your most welcome letter, it was read with pleasure, letter was dated Nov (8th?) and was four weeks coming, I am well and hearty, Texas agrees with me so far, the health of our regt. is very good, the boys are all getting fat, very fine weather here, warm enough to go bare coated most of the time, I don't wear any under shirt or drawers, we are seeing easy times, don't see any prospect of leaving soon, you wanted me to tell you about the boys you was acquainted with, some of them was left at New Orleans, Ferry(?) was left there, Gibbs is here, he is fat and fine, and the others the same, Joe Martin has been very sick, but is getting well, you wanted to know if Dick Seltzer got as many good letters from his wife as he used to get, he got four the day I got one, you wrote to me to live a virtuous life and return the same as when I left, I can say I have no other desire than to live as I have done, I have no desire to throw myself away, I have too much respect for my little family that I am separated from, I go to church every Sunday unless I am on duty, I have not forgot you, you are as fresh in my mind as when at home, you wanted to know if I would be in the war longer than 3 years, I don't expect to be, you may keep house in Illinois or go to Ohio, do as you want to, if Thompson wants both horses let him have them, perhaps you can rent John Short's house to live in, you can live much cheaper in the country than in town, Clark don't get much from Marthy ann, I guess we can make out to live if she doesn't pay us any, I don't know when I can send you more money, have not got any since leaving Orleans,</p>

	<p>have been out of money, will get along some way, will soon have 4 months pay, the war news is favorable as far as we can here, you had better sell the corn if it gets to be a big price, I live in hopes that I will get home</p>
27. 33	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Jan. 10, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, Sunday and very cold, cold for several days, cold weather here not like in the north, warm enough most of the time to go in our shirt sleeves, wind come from the north, gets cold very sudden, sometimes the sand blows and flies, I was over in Mexico yesterday, the country over there is very much like this side, not much raised, no timbers, only thorn bushes, I was in Mattemorass, it is not near as large as Bloomington, the houses are mostly one story, very narrow streets, to say I have been out of the United States, I ate my dinner in Mexico, I have eaten better meals in our own country, still at Brownsville, prospect favorable for us to stay here for some months, I have had no letter from you since Laughlin got back, looking for mail soon, very anxious to hear from you, if it is cold in Illinois, it must be very hard for you to get your chores done, I hope I will be with you before another winter, they can't keep us but one more anyway, our time is half out the middle of next month, live in hopes that I will get safe through, we are comfortably situated for soldiers, health of our regt. is good, Pratt got well, live in hopes, keep in good spirits, I often think of you...</p>
27. 34	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Feb. 2, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and hearty except a cold, not had any news for some time, news in camp that 60 of our cavalry has been taken, 300 prisoners, the rebs in Texas are tired of this war, deserting and getting out whenever they can, I got a letter from John Short not long ago, , don't think he will see as I do when he reads it, people differ so much in opinion, last time I wrote to you to see if you could get into the Normal School and keep boarding house, I think it would suit you, you will have to do the best you can, I hope I will be at home before another winter, I hope all things will work out for good, put your trust in providence, we are separated now by many long miles, live in hopes, don't be uneasy, I expect to return home as I left, only I hope I may be a better man, I think about you and Mattie often, I could not express the desires I have to be with you, I sent you \$30 some time ago, I hope you have gotten it, it will not be long til we will have two months pay due...</p>
27. 35	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Morgan, Ala. by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Feb. 12, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd a short time ago, , enjoying good health, , beautiful weather, I was on guard duty last night, still at Fort Morgan, no prospect of us leaving soon, you wrote you are having considerable snow, I have not seen snow for two winters, you wrote Martha Ann had paid up for the farm, if I were home ,we could go back to Ills and buy a farm, we must live in hopes of better days, much talk now about peace, I think we will see the end of the war by the time we get out, 6 months and 8 days, you wrote you would send me some paper, , I have got plenty of paper, , I want you to keep sending me stamps, I rec'd a letter from John Short, some time ago, they were all well, did you make any arrangements with Mrs. Short about airing your clothes, I don't think they will do very well packed up in</p>

	damp weather, John didn't know if Molly was married, he said he did all he could to prevent them, I think if she marries that chap she will have less judgment than in her young days, I often think of you and Mattie and the pleasant days we have spent together, I hope there may be many pleasant days in store for us in the future, live in hopes, keep in good spirits...
27. 36	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Feb. 19, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter I rec'd yesterday, I rec'd 5 letters from you and one from Joshua Nickerson, they have buried their little girl, she died between Christmas and New Years with the Scarlet fever, the rest are all well, I have been uneasy about you on account of the cold weather, you say Mike is in good plight, you may sell him if you can get \$125, but don't take any less, , put the money in safe hands, but keep Trim, everything looks favorable on our side and very discouraging on the rebels, seven of our boys came up that were sick at New Orleans, you wanted to know if I could read your letters, , I can read them very well, Terry is at Orleans, the boys think he is rather a small tater, I was on guard duty last night and feel sleepy, our meeting is still going on, I go every night, they have started an army church here, all denominations and people that don't belong to any church has joined, the meetings are doing a great deal of good, I often think of you and hope I may yet live to get safe home, , you are fresh in my mind, I have no determination to depart from the path of virtue but try to live and do what is my duty...
27. 37	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated Mar. 31, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and hearty, I rec'd a letter of you're a day or two ago, have not had a letter from you for some time, Louis said in his letter you were well and Moony(?) had not agreed on the board arrangements, I will tell you what I think and you can do as you like, remember you and Mary Ann and me was at Bloomington once and a man came up behind us drunk, I drove out of the road and let him pass, from the descriptions the boys give, I think that was Moony, you were never used to drinking men, but perhaps when you come to be acquainted with him, I have let you use your judgment since I left home and you have done well, so do as you think best, you can live cheaper in the country than in town, I want you to live comfortable if you move to town, money come rather slow at \$13 a month, Clark writes Marthy Ann wont pay him any more, one more month, then I will have \$40 to send to you, I am out of money and postage stamps, I went in debt this morning for some paper and envelopes, I have to pay two cents a sheet for paper and 40 cents a pack for envelopes, everything is very high here, dried apple pie is 20 cts. apiece, I don't buy much, we draw ten days rations at a time, sometimes we live a little scant, but healthy, we moved out of town yesterday into tents, I hear there is a call for more men, I am glad I came when I did, so if the war does last, I will have my time in, 16 more months...
27. 38	Photocopy of correspondence from New Orleans by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 14, 1864 concerning. . . I am in New Orleans, I am well and hearty, I came here last Monday with some prisoners from Brownsville, I will go back in a few days, we had a very pleasant trip across the Gulf, the sea was very calm and weather pleasant, I am staying at the soldier's home, we get well fed and

	<p>beds to sleep in free of charge, I saw Capt, McFarland yesterday, we had a fine chat, I would like to see you, but I don't expect to see home til the war is over or my time is out, 16 months, I have not had any letter from you for some time, but heard from you when Louis wrote, I expect to get letters from you when I get to Brownsville, we met a ship going across that had mail, I want you to write often, I had my likeness taken today, I will send one to you and one to Clark, I tried to get some sea shells to send to you, but I had to watch the prisoners, I will try when I get back, not much to write, much noise, keep in good spirits, I am the same today as when I left home and intend to remain the same, I see all kinds of wickedness carried on but that does not affect me, I have nothing to do with any of the many vices...</p>
<p>27. 39</p>	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from New Orleans by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated April 19, 1864 concerning. . . still at New Orleans, I have been her 8 days, I have done nothing but run around town, I wrote to you some time ago I was out of money, but I have always found plenty of friends, Capt. McFarland, a great many of the boys go to the theatre, but it doesn't do me any good to go to places of amusement without you, I am saving my money, it will be more pleasant for me to spend it with my family when I get home, I don't think there is a man living that thinks more of his family than I do, there was a man come with me from Brownsville, he said he wrote his wife he could eat her up if he had hold of her, I feel that way myself, women never looked so well to me since I came here, they look well after being among the Mexicans so long, they have had a big battle in this state on Red River, the rebs whipped our men the first day, but our men give it to them the last day, you can learn all about it in the papers, sometimes I think this war won't last long, war is a terrible thing, those at home don't know anything about it, my time is more than half out, I trust in providence, keep in good spirits, live in hopes, don't forget the last words I said to you, Capt. Mc and me had a walk through the city, saw a great many nice things, we were in a large graveyard, they don't bury in the ground, the graves fill with water, they build vaults with brick and stone, put the corpse in and lay brick over and cement them, some are built of the finest marble, some very fine buildings here, very nice yards, I have not forgotten you, you are as fresh in my mind as the next day I left, I would give most anything to see you, have seen a great many people since I came here from Ohio, the very best order kept at the soldier's home, no drinking, no swearing, no card playing, I've been told I am an exception to have been in the army so long and not swear, drink, play cards, or run after the women, Capt. Mc carries himself very straight, I think he is much a gentleman, I hope I will get several letters from you when I return to the regt., write often and I will do the same, I will tell you about a man that went home last winter from the 94th, his wife ran off with another man, when her frolick was over she came back and wanted to make up with him, he said no, he put his children out, she came to Lake Springs last spring to see him, she had two children smaller than Mattie, he was a nice man, she will have a miserable life to pass, don't know when I will start back, I saw a man today that has been up where the battle was fought, he says our loss was not so heavy as we thought, The men all say General Banks is to blame in the last fight he did not use the</p>

	men to a good advantage, a lot of men getting their discharges, some are badly used up, send your letters to Brownsville...
27. 40	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated May 30, 1864 concerning. . . answering your letter that came this morning, glad to hear you have got things so well arranged, I think you have managed well, you said I could keep my money and take care of myself, I got \$52 last week, I don't buy but very little here, I went to market this morning for one of my tentmates, he was sick, I thought I would buy him some lettuce and other vegetables, but everything was so high, I will content myself with Uncle Sam's grub, onions are 25 cts. apiece, it would cost 50 cts, to get as much lettuce, dried apples are 25 cts. per pound, some talk of us leaving here before long, we received the news last night that Grant is doing well at Richmond, the prospect for the war to end is growing, it was a bad stroke on us when Old Banks got so badly used up on Red River, he had plenty of men there to drive the rebels before him, but in place of throwing his whole force against them at one time, he sent only a few men in at a time, we must expect to meet with some reserves where we gain so many victories, I am tired of so much bloodshed, I expect you are in Ohio, enjoying yourself amongst friends, I don't think you will have as much work as when you lived in Illinois, you can get time to write me longer letters, I want you to tell me how everybody is doing, and if you would like to move back to the swamps to live, very warm weather here, a nice breeze, it will be no worse than when we went to Vicksburg, one year ago now I was at home, not much to do, we lay around and read, the health of our army is very good, there has been but a few deaths for some months, my health was never better...
27. 41	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 5, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and still at the same old spot, a mail came this morning, but no letters for me, nothing going on here and no news, have had some very warm weather here last week, the thermometer stood at 108 degrees in the shade, the warmest weather I have ever seen, but the heat is not so oppressive as you would suppose, a nice breeze most of the time, the citizens say it gets hot enough here in July and August to roast eggs, the sand gets very warm, some talk of us leaving here, but mostly camp rumors, no news, I want you to tell me who got your money that you sold Mike for and how much interest you get, you may tell Clark if he gets any money he may pay debts if I am owing any money, and if not to put it in my safe hands so it can be had on short notice, write to me whenever you hear from George and Henry, I have written to them but get no answer, enjoy yourself the best you can and live in hopes of better days, you will have good opportunity of going to church this summer...
27. 42	Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated July 11, 1864 concerning. . . I am well, I don't know when you will get this for our mail line has stopped, have not had any mail or news for 3 weeks, looking for a boat every day, I think we will get mail soon, it is not worthwhile to write when there is no chance to send, we are shut up away back here, almost out of the United States, nothing of importance going on, duty is very light, only go on guard once in 4 or 5 days, we just lay around and walk around, and stand

	<p>around, I've gotten tired of the business, if I was at home I would be bowing my back in the harvest field, one more summer will let us out whether the war ends or not, our time is most 2/3 out, if the war does not end this summer their will be a chance for some more to try their hand at the business, from what I can learn the rebs are going to hold out as long as they can keep a body of men together, I think there has been enough men slaughtered, July 13th, we got mail, I received 3 letters, one from you and one from George Morrow and one from Samuel Reader, excitement in camp, everything looks favorable for us to leave Brownsville, everything is being moved from here have been working building forts since we came here, have not had them done for more than a week, there was 8 large cannon mounted on one fort, they will all be taken down and moved away, don't expect we will be her more than one week more, suppose we will go on the Mississippi, I expect you have been looking a long time for this letter...</p>
27. 43	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated June 17, 1864 concerning. . . I am still on the land of the living and surrounded with favorable circumstances, we are in a nice camp with but little to do, easy times while many a poor soldier is racked with pains and scorched with fever, others are suffering by having their limbs amputated, some by bad wounds and enduring the hardships that none but soldiers know, news yesterday, everything is progressing very well at Richmond, and also our army in Georgia under general Sherman, the armies in the eastern departments are successful in nearly all their efforts, but we are losing a great many men, if we are kept here the prospect looks slim for any fighting, the weather is very warm, but I would rather be here than to march all over creation with a knapsack on my back and undergoing various hardships, we get along very well, I wrote to you a short time ago, but I thought I would write whenever there was an opportunity of sending letters, it may be two weeks before another boat crosses the Gulf, you must not get uneasy, I sent you a gold pen the last mail, I have got you and Mattie a a finger ring apiece that I made myself, Mattie's is made out of a 5 cent piece, yours out of a dime, you will think it strange I have turned out to be a silversmith, some of the boys can make the nicest rings you ever saw, I want you to tell all of your sisters to send me their photographs and write me a letter and send one dime each and I will make them a ring, you say they have changed, I would like to see how they look, I can make better rings, yours and Mattie's are my first...</p>
27. 44	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Brownsville by Almon Morrow to Ruth dated May 21, 1864 concerning. . . answering your most welcome letter, came to hand this morning, I think you have done well in your sales, I think you done well to sell Mike as well as you did if he is getting lame, I think you got a good price for him, I think you sold the bedsteads and safe well, none could do better than you have done, I am very well satisfied by the way you have done business, not worthwhile to say anything about sending you money, you have got more now than you need, I expect to get \$52 in a day or two, I will send it to someone to put on interest, we got a large mail this morning, the news is very encouraging, still in camp near Brownsville, in our little cotton houses, comfortably situated, best of health, we have been here over 6 months, I have not</p>

	been sick a day, I have never enjoyed better health, regt. is in very good health, very few sick, the weather is not very warm here, such a nice breeze, we use water out of the river, it is very warm when we get it from the river, but when it stands in the shade it gets cool, no prospect of leaving here soon, it is the opinion that we will be kept here for some time, nothing going on here, , I will send this letter to Ohio, you will get there before the letter does, keep in good spirits, live in hopes of pleasant days in the future, we think the rebellion is tottering on its last legs, I hope you will enjoy yourself amongst your people...
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Folder 28:	Moses, Abraham
28.1	Correspondence from Abraham Moses to his nephew dated July 10, 1864 concerning... the weather and the sale price of various crop and livestock, great excitement about the war, Old Abe is a little too much for them, the war has hurt the churches. . .

Folder 29:	Murphy, James (33 rd MO, Co. G, Captain)
29.1	Correspondence from near Rolla, Mo. by James Murphy to Hannah (his wife) and children dated Oct. 14, 1862 concerning. . . received letter of the 11 th , glad to hear you are well, sorry to hear children are sick, sorry you are lonely, fear you will suffer for wood, will try to come home to get you wood for the winter. . . I am lonely tonight, no one in the office, boys at Roll Call. . . well except a pain in my side. . . a good many sick in the regiment, 26 out of 89 sick in hospital, and 8 in convalescent room. . . two men have deserted, some of our officers under arrest for trying to surrender the government. . . sorry that our corn got destroyed. . .if I come home this fall, I will tend to Mr. Walker's Horses, I was proud to hear that Johny could Hunt the cows for you (?), Wiley, Rosey, Delley. . . will go to Salem, 95 miles south of Rolla. . .tell Greeberg and Mary to write, give my love to Mary Procter and Mr. Procter
29.2	Copy of document 29.1
29.3	Typed transcript of correspondence from James Murphy to his wife and children dated Nov. 15, 1862 concerning. . . marching about 35 miles over Ozark Mountains to Hartsville, may head to Springfield, don't think we'll go to Arkansas. . . Gen. Scofield. . . health of company is better than it has been since Benton Barracks, one man died at Salem. . . hope the war will end soon so I can be with my family, maybe the war will end by spring. . . talk of livestock and crops. . . 'vexed at the way the election went in this state, especially Livingston County, elected old John T. Gudgel to the legislature, I think elections will go different when soldiers come home. . . don't think of coming home sooner than July
29.4	Copy of document 29.3
29.5	Copy of document 29.3

Folder 30:	North, John (107 th IL, Co. G)
30.1	Photocopy of correspondence from Wabash by John North (?) to his "dear friends" dated Oct. 7, 1861 concerning. . . recipient did not answer last letter,

	<p>weather, John has about 50 cards of wod to hall (mentions John?). . . have been bording with him all summer, must help him, but will come home soon. . . Charly is the best horse that ever made a track in the state of Indiana, has been raining for 4 days and the rivers are all up. . . “rite soon of not sooner” signed _ah (Zach?) North (Remember Ellsworth Paper)</p>
30.2	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp near Nashville, TN by Zachariah North to his “friends” dated Nov. 25, 1862 concerning. . . just came in camp from picket duty. . . rebel camp is a mile and a half from our --- side (blurry letter). . . marching orders, guerillas on horse back. . . 20 dollars. . . mutten and pork. . . no way of getting news, only by the army trains, but the rebs have tore up all the roads and telegraph wire. . . Mary Jane Westlake. . . don’t need anything from home except mittens or gloves. . . have shirts, overcoat, and a fine dress coat. . . rains down are back and makes us shiver. . . “he was a rich man and a southern man to”. . . John Tallibel(?) is fat as a hare and stout as a little bull and I am stout and hardy to. . . tell me what reg. Ben Donar is in and Len Moore and Bill Jackson. . . John wants to know where to write to me, no place to direct, 86 regemen Ind., in care of Capt. Lambert. . . wish you would send me a pair of mittens. . . John, took my clothes to Ill or left the min Ind. . . I must tell you a little of our battle last Monday, killed 26 rebs, the first shot killed seven men, _ hound dog and a turkey, 25 hundred of us and 3 thousand of them, we had reinforcements , they could have taken us all prisoner. . . is there any draft in Ill or not. . . I know I must stay 3 years but I don’t think the war will last half that long. . . signed Zachariah North</p>
30.3	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Wootronville, Ky by John Preston North to his “father and mother” dated Jan. 24, 1863 concerning. . . I am well, got a bad cold and hard coff, diarea, but got some medison, first time I have seen the sun for two weeks, a big election here today to elect a Colonel, think Kelly will get it, Lee McGraw for Lieutenant Colonel, think Capt. Lewis will be our Major, Old Col. McComus is going to resign, none of the boys likes him, some threatened to shoot him if he ever got to be Col. . . plenty to eat, baked us some corn cake. . . Camp Butler. . . didn’t you keep lucy about a year. . . will send 50 dollars home, let me know how much tobacco is worth. . . William. . . I bought a pair of buckskin gloves and someone stole them, bought another pair. . .rite soon</p>
30.4	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from John North to his father dated Feb. 17, 1863 concerning. . . got paid. . . Capt. Lewis. . .</p>
30.5	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Bacon Crick, KY by John Preston North to his father dated Mar. 26, 1863 concerning. . . am not very well. . . where are you going to farm this summer, are Wes and Dorothy going to stay with you. . . regt. In Glasco, Ky, 20 miles from Monfordsville. . . Zach, thought he was at Perryville. . . a good many of our boys deserted, but I am like Warner Dilbert, won’t desert til my eye hairs over</p>
30.6	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from John P. North to his father dated April 23, 1863 concerning. . . sent two overcoats yesterday, go to Clinton and get them, mine and Wms. . . talk of us leaving here on Monday, bound for Glasgow. . . look for \$80 dollars from Wm. And me. . . tell Westley he better come with us when we come for fear that he will have to come any howd</p>

30.7	Photocopy of correspondence from Bacon Creek, Ky by John P. North to his brother, Jacob North dated April 23, 1863 concerning. . . received letter of April 18 th . . . how did it happen that Bill P_ovins had to go back to his regt., I suppose he hated to leave the mill, Margret got married, heard her and Wes Griffet were going to get married. . .how do Bill Mills and __ Jans get along. . . well Jacob, how does you and Lotte get along. . . our boys has come back, thy was 108 men in town, they crossed the Cumberland river, took a lot of prisoners, killed 100 of them, fired the town, drowned one man, I was well acquainted with him. . . Battel of Stops river. . .
30.8	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Hobson, Glasgow, KY John P. North to his father dated May 19, 1863 concerning. . . not got a letter from home for 3 weeks, will send money. . . have you got our over coats yet or not
30.9	Photocopy of correspondence from Fort Hobson, Glasgow, KY by John P. North to his brother, Jacob dated May 23, 1863 concerning. . . got letter you sent by way of Bartley Luckenbin, sorrow to hear that the small pox were bad up there, afraid it will get down here. . . we have to drill twice every day, it is awful hot down here, Jacob, you're at work for Bill McLelen, would rather hear that you are at work for pop, for he is getting old, glad to hear that our overcoats got home safe. . .to Jacob D. North, Clinton, IL. . .
30.10	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp near Lebenon, Ky by John P. North to his father dated Aug. 3, 1863 concerning. . . john and I are going to write this letter together, I'll start (William North). . .have been in the capital of two states, Ohio and KY, took 800 prisoners to Columbus, the rebs liked us very well. . .battle twice. . . surrounded 50 rebs on an island, but the gun boats took them and their horses. . .next time was in Cin., Ohio. . . in a park, copperheads raised a mob, were going to rush in and take our guns, we were ready for them, they gave up (John's writing begins) on a march 5 days to Glasgow, Morgan took this place in July and burnt the depot and many government wagons. . . the 20 th Kentucky, 1 regt. Against his whole force. . . Do you ever hear from Zachariah, I have not heard from him for two months, last I heard from him was just after he was exchanged, when he was at Murphsburg
30.11	Photocopy of correspondence from Loudon, Tn by John P. North to "his pop" dated Sept. 26, 1863 concerning. . . (page is blurry) ordered to Chatanooga to whip the rebels out, ordered back here. . . made out of whale bone, nothing to eat, only flour and beef, and no way to cook it, no greese to fry beef in, cannot tell you how William is, only seen him once since the 23 rd of June. . . William and Dan Provin, no fighting, but awful marching, 2 nd brigade, division 23, call our regt. The Illinois Travelers, a yellow jacket stung me on the shin and it hurts(107 th IL Vol. paper)
30.12	Photocopy of correspondence from Zach North to his "father, mother, brother, sisters, and friends" dated Mar. 8, 1864 concerning. . . not very well, getting too fat and lazy to feel well, been under the weather for some time, as fat as a hog, the boys laugh at me for being so fat, got shaved, there is a roll of fat under my chin as large as your arm and I have no neck at all now. . . Newmarket, as far as Moristown, cut timber, plowed fields. . . hard to see the south tore up so but the south is to blame and not the north in the least they fired the first gun and they

	dare not deny it. . . but when they want peace all they have to do is lay their arms down, come back home under the same old flag that has protected them all their lives and we will embrace them in our arms and be good friends again. . . . I have written you so many letters that I have run out of things to say, but I have got plenty of paper and had nothing to do but eat. . . .Wm. and Jno. Kikle. . . sometimes fiddle and dance, but no girls in camp, parties in the country, lots of the prettiest girls, all the rebs run off and left the Women and they love the yanks and lean up to us a sick kitten to a hot brick. . . I am a northern man and want none of your southern girls. . . Campell Waddell is mixing bread for supper
30.13	Photocopy of correspondence from Mosey Creek, Tenn. (or Penn.) by John P. North to his sister, Mary Jane North (Westlake) dated April 9, 1864 concerning. . . Wm. is not very well. . . raining pretty near all of the time, no rebels in this country, none closer than Bristle, Va, some 80 miles from here, our core is after them, our company left back as a resere, have not seek Zachy for some time, sent 70 dollars home by Bent. Pettacord. . . tell Doly we have not seen Wes yet, but he is in the same corps that we are in, tell pop to get along the best he can til we get home, got your letter that you sent by John Levir, answered it and sent my likeness with it. . .Bradford. . . please send me some postage stamps
30.14	Photocopy of correspondence from Mosey Creek, Penn/Tenn by John North to his father dated April _1, 1864 concerning. . . we are only tolerable well, we have plenty to eat. . . drill twice a day, roll call 4 times a day. . . how does our calfs get along. . . rite soon if not sooner, have not heard from Zacky for some time. . .
30.15	Photocopy of correspondence from John North to his “dear sister” dated May 22, 1864 concerning. . . tell Dolie that I saw Wes 3 weeks ago, within 40 miles of Atlanta, Georgia, some still living with nothing over them but a blanket. . . 14 hundred killed and wounded, generals say it was the hardest fight that ever was made, we took the fort
30.16	Photocopy of correspondence from John North to his father dated July 31, 1864 concerning. . . we are both well and hardy and have plenty to eat. . . I wrote Dorothy a letter day before yesterday, she hadn’t heard from Wesley, I saw him the other night, well and harty. . . our works are about 100 yards from the reb works, they charged us, repelled, heavy losses, 10,000 killed, wounded, and missing. . . we are about one night from Atlanta. . . Lieut. Weedman run back to Knoxville, we have no officers with our company at all, nothing higher than a Corporal. . . W. H. Taylor is in command of Co. G(?), only 3 or 4 officers in that Regt. . . . what has become of Em Dibert, have not heard from her in a year, last I heard she was at Marian. . . tell us the prices of the corn, wheat, and how things look and what the weather is like. . . it is very hot here and tolerable dry . . . 107 II Vol., 2 nd Brigade, 2 nd Division, A. C. (Army of the Cumberland?), Chattanooga, Tenn. , not had pay for 5 months, , but will as soon as we take Atlanta. . . rite soon
30.17	Photocopy of correspondence from camp near Atlanta, Ga by John North to his father dated Aug. 7, 1864? concerning. . . everything tolerable quiet on this front. . . we were eating, a shell come along about 5 feet above our heads and struck the ground about 20 feet from us. . . Warner Dibert was taken prisoner on

	the 29 th of June. . . I saw Bill Provin the other day. . . General Stone--- was taken. . . if Wes is captured. . . try to cut the railroad. . . I am afraid they will lose a lot of lives yet before they get Atlanta
30.18	Photocopy of correspondence from Cedar Bluffs, Alabama by John North to his father dated Oct. 26, 1864 concerning. . . sent some money home, saw Zack the other day . . . we left Decator, Ga in Oct.. . . Cedar Bluff on the 23 rd of this month, sent home for tobacco, hasn't come yet. . . saw Thom Rolf and Bill Briggs, going to start home in a few days, our Capt. Is going to start home in the morning
30.19	Photocopy of correspondence from Huntsville, Ala. by Zach North to his "friends and relations" dated Jan. 15, 1865 concerning. . . haven't received many letterd from home. . . Fight at Nashville, Tenn. 15 th and 16 th of Dec., 1864, afternoon of the 16 th made one of the grandest charges of the war. . .had all the dead and wounded to charge over. . . run them out of Ten. And into Ala. , I hear the corps is at Columbia, Ten.. . . John Micle is all right. . . (description of lodgings). . . our camp is in the woods and atop a small mountain, getting water is a little unhandy, "but as we are all fat lads we don't mind car[ry]ing water some distance". . .no scarcity of coffee and all kinds of groceries. . .broke guard and got dinner 16 miles away from camp. . . ladies. . .on the way home the patrol guard took me under arrest and took me to headquarters, convinced to provo martial not to punish me, told to go to my quarters, did and washed and put on clean, ironed, clothes, then run off again and went to the country and found the pretty girl, she is 17 years old and good looking and good company
30.20	Photocopy of correspondence from Huntsville, Ala. by Zach North to his brother dated Jan. 29, 1865 concerning. . . Army of the Cumberland, 4 th Corps, 3 rd Division, 3 rd Brigade, 86 th Ind. Vol. . . .Sabbath morning. . . correct information about "our Dear Brothers Wm. and John". . . no word from them since the fight near Nashville. . . .they are gone to old pop Sherman, send letters by the way of Washington, went by way of Baltimore and Anapolis. . . some think we will go to Sherman, others think we will go west and round home by way of New Orleans. . . (sentiments of a soldier's life) suffer and die alone, with no one to comfort them in their last hours, holding up the flag that protects you all. . . the shrieks and groans of their dying comrades. . . corn, pork, take care of my little horses. . . you say you go with the girls, so do I, run off sometimes and get caught by guards. . . someone hooked your hogs. . . Mobile will be the place for us to strike. . . dinner time, we will have fish, ham, sausage, potatoes, kraut, onions, molasses, coffee, soft bread, butter, cheese, dried peaches, beans. . .
30.21	Photocopy of correspondence from Washington City by John P. North to his "father & mother" dated Feb. 2, 1865 concerning. . . got on the boat the 17 th of Jan. and got here on the 21 st , think we will have peace before long, 3 men here from Richmond to see if they could make peace, majority of officers think they will. . . hope it is over before our time runs out, if they need more soldiers, I will reenlist, but would go home first. . .I want you to keep Jacob at home, as much as one family ought to do to let 3 of the boys go. . . have not seen Zacky for a long time, suppose he is at Huntsville, Alabama, the last time I saw him he looked fat as a little pig. . . (letter cuts off)
30.22	Photocopy of correspondence from Nashville, Tenn. by John W. _____ to his

	brother dated Feb. 10, 1865 concerning. . .Well John, I am glad to hear that you are at home. . .said you wrote me 4 letters, have never received any from you. . . my regt.'s time is out next January, well John, how did you like it on the gun boat. . . "had seen the elephant". . .
30.23	Photocopy of correspondence from Huntsville, Ala. by Zach North to his father and mother (John and Jane North) dated Feb. 17, 1865 concerning. . .reduced in flesh considerable and weak. . . warm place and fine quarters, thinking to land in Mississippi and got as far as Nashville, frozen ground, covered in snow, only tents for shelter, many got colds, making more noise than a pack of hounds. . .4 or 5 miles to the river and we can see the gun boats, hear them fire their big guns at bushwackers. . . "3 cheers for the red white and blue and the star spangle banner and the union forever. . . lonesome, all the boys went out on a scout, will perhaps be gone several days. . . 19 th Ohio, 79 th Ind., 86 th Ind.. . noble General T. J. Wuith. . .Lovejoy Station. . . Gen. Wood got shot through the ankle. . . halled after us in an ambulance, never gave up command on all the fal back from Atlanta to Franklin, there he gave up command of the division, but had to take command of the corps as Stanly was wounded in the Franklin fight. . . got a letter from John Westlake, gave him some hard rubs, hurt his feelings, I didn't mean to, I can't think of anything I said to hurt his feelings, tel him to tell me, I won't get mad at him. . . 3 bands in our brigade now. . . I am in for exterminating the whole southern confederacy and leave nun to tell the tail, drive them if possible out of the united states of America and confiscate all their property land and everything else. . . can't tell you anything about old Hoads army, not in papers. . .Gen. Thomas, Grant and Old Pap Sherman will clean out old Lee. . .soldiers will come flocking home in droves like blackbirds in the spring. . . but not all, 27 th of last May near Palis, our division lost sixteen hundred and four men, prisoners, wounded, and killed. . . from your oldest boy
30.24	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Butler, IL by Jacob North to his father dated Feb. 18, 1865 concerning. . .started from Clinton Thursday evening, the 8 th and got to Springfield, was examined the next day, can't see how I passed, had to strip off our clothes and. . . jump across the floor, I could not jump very well, doctor said there was nothing the matter with me but laziness. . . sent you 380 dollars by Rich Conklin, keep 300 for me when I come home, I guess 80 dollars will pay your debts, if not, take more. . . express my cloth to Clinton, tell John I kept his hat, direct to Camp Butler, Longamon Co., Ill, I belong to the 7 th Cav., Co. I? . .
30.25	Photocopy of correspondence from Salisbury, N.C. by John P. North to his father dated June 11, 1865 concerning. . . looking to start home every day. . . more mean women here than I ever saw, expect to be home in a month or sooner. . . wish I could be home before the 4 th of July. . . Uncle Sam owes me \$250. . .what has become of Jacob, I am tired of Dixie. . . am a messenger for the telegraph office, 10 hours a day. . . rite soon, tell Dorothy to write. . .
30.26	Photocopy of correspondence from Zach North to his parents (Dad & Mam?) date unknown concerning. . . (missing beginning of letter). . .she said she'd go north with me. . . not a reb. . . From your big fat lazy boy, Zach North
30.27	Photocopy of correspondence from Wm. North to his father date unknown

	concerning. . . (missing beginning of letter). .. the rebs took everything he had and put him in prison, many a good union man here, some that kept hid from the rebs for three years
30.28	Photocopy of diary page, list of verses. . . (of John P. North?) dated 14 – 23. . . 14, battery had all their horses killed, 15, verse (“they closed around us fast and strong, the battle raged both loud and long, the drums beat to the cannons roar, while many fell to rise no more”), 16, Colonel Roberts was acting Brigadier. . . all in verse, couplets, etc.
30.29	Photocopy of poem/song concerning death by John North?. . . Tis awful, awful, awful. . .

Folder 31:	Orendorff, Mattie
31. 1	Correspondence from Mayfield, Ky by Robert Maxton to his “friend Mattie” dated Sept. 18, 1864 concerning. . . I am well and harty, and as fat as ever, have been in Kentucky since August 2 nd . . . picket and scouting, horses shod, marched eight days, on the ninth day had to fight with Forrest at Trapoulo (?), tenth day, started back for Memphis. . . gone seventeen days, returned to one weeks rest. . . have been hunting guerillas, chase them, take no prisoners. . . would like to be back home a few days, while the state fair was going on, see the copperheads. . . (U. S. Christian Commission paper)
31. 2	Correspondence from Prunton, Iron Co., Mo. by Theodore F. Coffey to his “friend Mattie” dated Oct. 14, 1861 concerning. . . living the life of a soldier, sleeping on the ground, I have been pretty sick. . . encamped on the banks of the river Swashen, plenty of Secesh here, false alarm, writing on a board on my knee. . . Tell Cate that when I come back from the wars, I am coming to see her in return for that night she visited me at Aunt Betsy’s. . . sometimes think of last Christmas night and how I got the mittens. . . “I have got a blue jacket with about twenty pretty brass buttons on it and they have got pretty birds on them, I believe they call them eagles”. . . encampment near the railroad, “and there is lots of pretty girls comes along on the cars but there is none as pretty as _____”. . . Huldah. . . largest iron Mountain in the world, called Pilot Knob. . . Company B, 33 rd IL Regiment. . . plenty to eat, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, beef, ham, bacon, rice, and coffee. . . hope I will get to come home on a furlough. . . would like to be home next Christmas, see Huldah (M. Cox). . .
31. 3	Correspondence from Fort Pickern, Memphis, Tn. by B. F. Kimler to “cousin Mat” dated Sept. 26, 1862 concerning. . . received letter of the 21 st . . . health and weather. . . ahrd times since the evacuation of Corninth. . . received a letter from Marcus Cox, at Jefferson Barracks, not well, now at Rolla, Mo. . . . letter from Iowa, Uncle John has enlisted as a first lieutenant, gone to Keokisk. . . rather live a citizen life than that of a soldier. . . 6000 troops here under the command of Gen. Sherman, 60 pieces of artillery. . . death of Ada Holbard
31. 4	Correspondence from Grand Junction, Tn. by B(en). F(rank). Kimler to “cousin Mat” dated Jan. 18, 1863 concerning. . . arrived at grand Junction the 9 th of January. . . cold weather, four inches of snow. . . history of our travels since we left Memphis. . . Nov. 26 th marched towards Holly Springs, 28 th halt on Pigeon Creek, 30 th marched to Chulahoma, Miss, 2 nd of Dec. marched to the

	<p>Tallehalchie river, 5th marched to Cottage Hill, here Army was reviewed by Gen. Grant and reorganized, part sent back to Memphis under Gen. Sherman, before leaving Gen. Sherman made a short speech, 11th marched to Yockna river, 22nd learned that Gen. Vandorn made a raid on Holly Springs, tearing up the railroad and burning the depot, cut us off from supplies, 22nd marched back to Clear Creek, marched and camped on the Tallehalchie river, 29th marched to Hollysprings, 6th of Jan., 1863 marched to Salem, east of Holly Springs, next day marched to Davises Mills, some boys went to a house, knocked on door, man answered with gun, ordered them to surrender, boys guarding the yard saw Secesh Cav coming, , fired upon, one killed, escaped, told Colonel, sent co. I and G, planned to hang the man, house deserted, set fire to it, property worth \$20,000, later caught the man, in jail at Lagrange, Jan. 9th marched to this place. . . had to live on half rations. . . 1st snow of any consequence. . . received a letters from Jo Weaver and Marcus Cox. . . darkest hour just before day, “would like to see peace restored to our once happy country”. . . uncle John at Helena, Ark, expecting to go downriver to Vicksburg</p>
31. 5	<p>Correspondence from Grand Junction, Tn. by B. F. Kimler to “cousin Mat” dated Mar. 3, 1863 concerning. . . still at Gran Junction, Laying here inactive. . . the Rebel fleet have captured the Queen of the West and Indianalia. . . lonely town, only business done by the cotton buyers and sellers, prices of food high, apples. . . adventure on the night of the 19th of last Feb., a negro came into camp and reported a band of guerillas that stopped 8 miles away for the night, 6 companies from our reg, under command of Major Miller, dark night, muddy roads, got separated from the major, lost time, guerillas escaped, returned to camp at sun up. . . no letters from Sarah Ann. . . Uncle John, first Lieut. of Co. A, 36th Iowa at Helena, Ark. . . talk of granting furlows. . . got a letter from one of the prettiest girls in Iowa the other day</p>
31. 6	<p>Correspondence from Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo by unknown to “cousin Mattie” dated Aug. 23, 1863 concerning. . . received your long awaited letter. . . uncle (Mattie’s father?) had the ague. . . “had @ long spell of sickness myself,” confined to bed a month and a half. . . better. . . Bill. . . Mrs. Weaver is very sick, two weeks ago some men killed her husband, shot him seven times, he was a rebel. . . copperheads. . . bushwacking and robbing, burning and murdering. . . Russles life was threatened. . . two horses stolen, you heard that my horse was stolen, Mr. Alverson’s mare was stolen. . . Bill and I went to see sick man, severe attack of the typhoid fever. . . I would like to take a buggy ride with you, tell Mag I’m not going to ride with her. . . tell Mr. Evans that I answered his letter. . . written to Marcus, haven’t heard where his regiment is, except what I heard from Martha. . . I have friends and a good many acquaintances at Vicksburg. . . Cousin M--- Kelly is there, not really a cousing, clever little fellow. . . Cousin Kate’s fine son, might give him a prettier name than Frank, kiss him for me and kiss dear little L(?)ue, kiss Minnie and Dicky for me, Jay and Bell, Call. . . can’t get a photograph taken in Bolivar, send me your picture. . . song ballads, Ballad of Old Jackson. . . you wish to know what became of Mr. Alverson and Brown, Alverson is here, Brown is in the Ranging Company, you wished to know when I and John are going to marry, I asked him, he said never. .</p>

	.tell Tommy I love and respect him, tell Charly and Ben, tell Mattie and Huldah I will write to them soon
31. 7	Correspondence from Corinth, Miss. by Ben C. Ball to his “friend” Mattie Orendorff dated Oct. 14, 1863 concerning. . . Has gotten back to his company, started on the 29 th , got here on the 13 th , had an interesting trip, “enjoyed it finely as I had a lady along so I had good company”. . . left two photographs at the post office, one for you and one from Maggie, Maggie’s fellow wrote her, make sure she writes him back, had a fine time in Cass County
31. 8	Correspondence from East Pascagoula, Southern Miss. by Wm. M. Cox to “cousin Mattie” dated Jan. 18, 1864 concerning. . . if you knew how well such letters are appreciated. . . letters of the tone of yours reminds us if happier days. . . a great change in the neighborhood. . . left Fort Morgan the 12 th of Dec., leaving our tents, cooking utensils, knapsacks, with the principle part of our clothing behind. . landing at the village of East Pascagoula, nice buildings, a 3 story tavern, marched out on the Mobile road, left wing of the 94 th under command of Capt. Dennison, Christmas dinner, fried ham and hardtack in my haversack, most of the boys have little shanties built of pine logs and covered with shelter tents, trees, streams. . . “too many ties back in Old McLean to be fully satisfied here”. . .but this rebellion must be put down and the authority of the government restored. . . prospect of a draft. . . Benjamin Simmons. . . Jan. 19 th , rainy. . . when will you write to Emma Kelly. . .
31. 9	Correspondence from East Pascagoula, Miss. by J. B. Weaver, a relative, to “Mattie Orendorff” dated Jan. 18, 1865 concerning. . . Marcus permitted me to read your letter to him, take the liberty or writing you, wrote to your father once, did not receive a response. . . if they knew how eagerly everything is read, they would write more frequently. . . you understand that we call ourselves ‘the happy family’, must have been written by some “sour crusty ‘old bachelor’”. . . our family is incomplete where woman is absent, many soldiers plan to marry when they get home, “popping the question”, will be sorry that I am not a preacher or justice of the peace so that I might getting a share of the numerous cakes that will be baked. . . Marcus is writing to you, sober quite sort of fellow, he can write all the news, I will write the nonsense. . . am well except a bad cold, never had a good one in my life. . . P. S. Don’t tell Margaret A. W. that I wrote a letter to you, she might retaliate by writing to some good looking gentleman
31. 10	Correspondence from camp near Spanish Fort, Ala. by Wm. M. Cox (94 th IL, Co. F) to “cousin Mattie” dated April 6, 1865 concerning. . . received your letter of Feb. 19 th on the 17 th of March, East of Morgan, marched via Mobile Point, reached Fishrives, met with Smith’s command, visited with members of the 8 th and 33 rd IL, have seen Jacob Heaton several times, belongs to the 28 th Mis(souri), some men in his company acquainted with your relatives near Milwalkee, two by the name of McNeal and a cousin to Lei—ie Orendorff, Louis Leiftour. . . explosions of torpedos placed along the road, another exploded this evening, tore one man’s foot off and mangled another’s arm. . . siege like Vicksburg on three forts, near the city of Mobile, more men wounded, one died soon after, blackberries are in bloom near camp, saw several peach orchards, (refers to recipient as Martha). . . Mr. Peck

31. 11	Correspondence from Genesee, Maukesha Co., Mis(souri) by Etta Orendorff to “cousin” Mattie dated April 15, 1866 concerning. . . glad to receive your letter, not forgotten me, where is cousin Nellie, love to her and respect to Marcus. . . Perry. . . won’t be here to see Cousin Thomas, I wish he would send me his picture. . . astonished that Charly should want a “pretty girls photograph,” what would Belle say. . . Thanks to Ben, Mag, and Ollie for their several ‘bushels of love’. . . I did not get any valentines this year, that was a very pretty verse, do you intend to accept. . . would like to see your doctor, Bert Luce, Mattie promised me his photograph. . . your father has returned from Kansas, (my) father has sold his mills and started for Missouri, expect to move about the middle of May, won’t be able to see her Illinois friends again before I go. . . send me your photograph and I shall send you mine, tell Thomas I shall like his picture. . . Saylesville. . . a kiss for my little Lou
31. 12	Correspondence from Benton Barricks, Mo. by A. B. Lace(?) (145 th IL, Co. K) to his “dear Mattie” dated June 13 , ___ concerning. . . have not received word from you for two weeks, we have left Camp Butler, Benton Barricks, nicest camp I ever seen. . . place mostly talked of is Alton, we want to go on down the river, visited St. Louis, “it is a big thing,” went to the courthouse, met Col. Sacky, ascended the dome to view the city, went to visit the Lindel Hotel, finest hotel in St. Louis, short of money, dined on crackers and cheese
31. 13	Correspondence from Bloomington, Il by Ada to Mattie Orendorff date unknown concerning. . . Bell, a very thoughtful girl, Bell and Pare are coming to visit your school. . . the best looking boys at school. . . (includes a poem) (addressed to Mattie Orendorff, Bloomington, IL)
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Folder 32:	Orme, William W.
32.1	Cross-Reference Sheet- see Orme, W. W. papers

Folder 33:	Packard, M. W.
33.1	Correspondence from Bloomington, IL by M. W. Packard, John Niccolls, Jesse

	W. Fell, Peter Folsom, A. Gridley, _ E. McClure, N. Dixon, James Miller, A. J. Merriman, M. Swann, G. W. Stipp, W. H. Hanna, _ Leaning ?, James Allinger, W. M. Hatch, E. Thorp, _ H. Robinson, A. A. Lamb, S. M. Baker, H. P. Merriman, and R. Thompson to “Hon. A. Lincoln” dated October 14, 1863 concerning. . . the application or recommendation for Col. John McNulta to be promoted to Brevet Brig. Gen.
33.2	Correspondence from Bloomington, IL by M. W. Packard to Col. McNulta dated Nov. 14, 1864 concerning. . . favor from New Orleans has been received. . . sent vegetables to the 94 th , Lieut. Barnard on his way with a bountiful supply. . . scurvy in the regiment. . . political documents, good to read before the election, “we are beaten as we deserved to be for allowing embittered and disappointed politicians to manipulate our resolutions”. . . majority of the people for the reelection of Mr. Lincoln. . . democratic party will “support its measures better than any other defeated party on Earth”. . . pray for happy results and a speedy termination of the war”. . . rebels, nothing but the sword and bayonet will keep them down. . . congratulations on the birth of your daughter, ‘a little black headed beauty’. . . Orme (2 nd Treasury Agent) and Burn are both in Memphis
33.3	Photocopy of document 33.2
33.4	Photocopy of document 18.1

Folder 34:	Reed, Virgil E. (34 th IL, Co. F)
34.1	Photocopy of correspondence from Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Sept. 13, 1861? concerning. . . returning Bible to home, memorandum of his baggage, Ruck sack full of sundries, canteen, two suits of clothes, shirts, drawers and socks, two heavy blankets, one rubber blanket, one large overcoat, revolver dirk, stationary, etc. . . food, colds and bowel complaints, Burnett returned, organized a God Templars Lodge, Governor came to visit our camp yesterday, prayer meeting every night, also a debating society, I have been quite unwell, painkillers and speedy relief, no relief, appealed to Dr. McNeil. . .
34. 2	Photocopy of correspondence from Cincinnati, Ohio by Virgil E. Reed to his “dear mother” dated Oct. 4, 1861 concerning. . . Camp Butler, left camp butler, no one knew where we were heading, not even the captain, arrived at Lafayette, Indiana, next stopped at Indianapolis, five B’bbs of good coffee, Col says we will start for Nickolasville, Ky, stepped into a large bookstore, purchased the neatest little testament, expected to be 20,000 soldiers in this place today from Washington en route to Kentucky, I think this is the prettiest city that I ever saw, situated between the Ohio River and a great circle of young Mountain, tell George that I am very sorry that he was not at Camp Butler, our soldiers are now enclosed in the Barracks, the citizens are so afraid that rebels will rush the city that they will give the soldier anything they wish to eat or drink free of charge, H. H. Bennets gives his best wishes, Eddy in particular, tell Esq. Jackson that I received his letter, three secessionists brought into the barracks, many think the South too much for the North, cheers that we received, ladies in sight of the train cars were swinging their handkerchiefs, sitting on the floor using my drum head for a desk. . . have George, Edwin, and John write me, tell father that I will write to him soon, (Maj. Gen. McClellan Paper)

34. 3	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Louisville, Ky by Virgil E. Reed to his “kind father” dated Oct. 9, 1861 concerning. . .supper prepped by the citizens, breakfast almost ready, Mr. Barker just returned, yarns as good as Frank Keyes or Jason Foster, some of the most pleasant landscapes the U. S. can afford, after leaving Cincinnati, we crossed the river on a large steamboat, city of _____oomington, Ky. . .supper awaited us prepared by the ladies, treated with the greatest respect, shoes, caps, socks, pain killer, money, tobacco, and cigars by the whole sale, bridge that the rebels tried to burn the night before, while the 15 Ohio Regt. Were passing, “One man & 2 Blacks were caught obstructing the R. R.”, Butcher came along asked why he was taken prisoner, after finding out he sprang from his vehicle and cut his throat. . .arrived at Lexington, marched to the fair grounds, the whole regt. Was confined, captains and all, not allowed to eat or drink anything presented by the citizens, think we are going to Elizabethtown, Coalsville, Cumberland Gap. . . hear that our Great Commander Major Anderson is disabled to follow his army. . . good news, Jeff Davis and Beauregard taken prisoner, New Orleans has been reserved by the Union. . . just before passing through Frankfort we went through a long tunnel, the ladies of that place gave us a good warm supper, warm biscuits, butter, coffee. . . I have seen Beauregards Resinance also Henry Clay, I have enclosed a sprig of cedar that I pulled off while riding along, mountains, hundreds of miles of stone fences, don’t know where I will be when I send the next letter to Daysville, hope I will be in the land of the living. . . I have enjoyed myself since I came into the care of “Uncle Samuel” they say we will pass through the Great Mammoth Cave, I have passed through the capital of every state that we have passed through, the Camp we stayed at in Lexington was named by your Col. David B. Sayers. . . (Eagle and Shield Paper)</p>
34. 4	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Nevin, Ky by Virgil E. Reed to Esq. Jackson, a “dear friend” dated Nov. 7, 1861 concerning. . . letter accompanies one by John L. Frost. . . returned from the woods, got to practice drumming, finding my friend Lyman F. writing to you, I begged him to let me send you a word enclosed in his. . . I suppose you are furnished with all the news and proceedings of our Camp, “Fine joke on the 34th Regt. All getting killed!” wasn’t it?, I hope you will not credit any such reports. . . I suppose you heard about Fremont being superseded, may be all for the best. . . I have become quite handy with a needle and thread, cooking, washing dishes and clothes. . . I am in need of “Gum” I have tried every possible chance for getting a chew, I received a copy of the Reporter last Monday from Johney R, the boys from Ogle County were anxious to peruse it as a hungry dog is to get his supperm it contained the proceedings of the Fair at Oregon, the names of most of the citizens of Nashua were inserted, I suppose Sugar Mills of Daysville has been doing large extensive business this fall, the weather is very pleasant here, a few days of wind and storming rains, regt. Just returned from picket guard, seem to enjoy it well, most of the regt. Preparing a fireplace in their Pavillions. . . enclose a stick of gum in a great long ans newsical letter to me, 15 secesh prisoners just brought into headquarters, drum beating and boys falling in for dress parade. . . excuse my errors. . .</p>

34. 5	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Nevin, KY by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Nov. 20, 1861 concerning. . . received a letter from Dan Williams, I had been under the weather, dysentery. . . the doctors say they think the water is the cause, analyzed two pails full, contained a pint of oil. . . Davis Fergerson of Lafayette Grove died the 13 th with the Typhus fever, examination of the soldiers, none of the mare to be discharged, I am afraid that Lyman Frost will be as e is unable to do duty. . .the man that was shot through the body is in a fair way to recover now, H. H. Bennett has been unwell, has been to the hospital, getting better now, I have a bad cold and cough, hopes of curing it soon, Mother, how is my calf getting along?, How do you get along with the cows?, George Richardson has been promoted to a mounted orderly for Gen. McCook, he boards with us. . . Tell George I forgot to put the points on the description of the camp I sent him, Colonels tents are north, guards tents south east, . . .we have received a new suit of clothing and new knapsacks, the drummers are to be furnished with new drums and side arms. . .inventory of my possessions. . .palm to send extra drum, knapsack, and suit home, too much to carry. . . (Gun Boat Boys Paper)
34. 6	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Nevin, Ky by Virgil E. Reed to his "dear father" dated Dec. 8, 1861 concerning. . . no longer occupy a horse car, but a writing desk I built in the Majors Ranch, wagon master by the name of Nehemiah Wagoner, I do their cooking, keep "Miars", books, and assist them both at any and everything they may wish, Nehemiah goes to Elizabeth town often, brings back a great mess of "Goodies", we have a patent camp stove, we draw our rations but do not use more than 1/3 of them, the balance the quartermaster will retain and credit us for them, we moved from the east side to Nolin Creek, transferred from the 3 rd Brigade to the 7 th on account of there being so many Germans in the 3 rd that it was impossible to give to them or inderstand their commands, weather pleasant, health good, Father, you talk of joining the military, know that you would make a tip top soldier if you were not quite so old, very bad for the rheumatism and coughs, Wm. Brunson died from typhoid fever, 3 others died that day, it is seldom that one gets rid of it. . . our former brigade moves to Green River tomorrow, a large pipe stem bridge washed away between here and Louisville, Roven Forks or Runs, has detained our provisions, I will enclose a gold dollar for which you can send me a few postage stamps, if you or George go to Dixon, Rockford, or any other place with a diary for 1862, please purchase it and send it to me.. . repects to all my friends, How and where is Charles Hinkle?, informed of a move to Bowler Green, I shall go to Lizzietown and have my picture taken. . . (Union & Lady Liberty Paper)
34. 7	Photocopy of correspondence from Murfreesboro, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his father dated June 19, 1863 concerning. . . reply to your letter of the 14 th , Captain W. G. Gallion, you speak of warm weather, can't compete with our weather, seems not only like the sun was a ball of fire, but that the whole air was in flames, camped in open field, in full view of the sun. . .good drinking water is scarce, the Stone Rover near which I was captured by the rebs is not so far off, we are entirely surrounded by great forts, I suppose you have heard of them being the strongest forts in the U.S.A. . . our regt. Putting in time drilling, have

	<p>seen Jos. Frances, also Sam Warner, Lighthiser, Wesley Wood, Chas. Butterfields is in the Hospital at St. Louis, Elliot Taylor is sick in the hospital at Nashville, heard from Wm. D. Frost, still at Quincy, Ill., you spoke of coming to visit me, next to impossible to reach this point, by order of Old Rosy there are men shot and hung here nearly every day. . .not long since a union man was murdered in the presence of his daughter, in her teens, appealed to Rebel Gen. Bragg, had two of the Guerillas shot, two more were caught by our troops, the girl said that they were two that helped murder her father and brutally cut off his tongue and ears, Old Rosencrause had them swing for their services, the young girl begged the superiors to allow her to place the hemp around his neck and kick from under him the trussled table. . .Pa, you are getting too old to labor so much, I have a place with a company of officers as a cook and a clerk, the Capt. has given me the job of copying the general orders, will give me \$5 when I finish them, you sat Geo. Did not get the hair brush, I wrapped it and two silver teaspoons together, the brush cost \$1.50. . .I don't know what's become of Comstock, I received my pay, waiting for a chance to send it home, I have sold my boots for \$7.00, G.L. Richardson and D. Taylor. . . share my love with mother and the rest of the folks, tell Frank to be a good boy, I know Alice will be a good girl, enclose her a kip, please deliver it. . .</p>
34. 8	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Murfreesboro, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated June 23, 1863 concerning. . . expecting to march tomorrow morning. . . Co. F, 34th IL, greatly favored by the officers of this company, you may think that I make an awkward appearance when preparing meals, but in my estimation, I am as ahndy as the most experienced young woman in the North, I don't me to boast, brag, or compliment myself. . . my baked pudding "ditto", Beans Fried Cakes, Ho cakes, "Slap" jacks. . . "Please bear in mind that I do npt Brag, However, I would like to kill him {Bragg)". . . I have a small diary that I sent to sister Lucy from a camp near Corinth, she sent it to me again by Mr. Crane, it was taken out of my knapsack for safe keeping by my friend Geo. L. Richardson, I will send the diary to Lucy again without adding any more for now, I have just mailed to Edwin a small book, also to Geo. ____ Rosencruse, the invalids are passing in ambulances, the officers meet in squads, Capt. W. G. Gallion, I have \$100 to send home at the first opportunity, Col. Lieut. Col. Oscar Van Tapell? . . .</p>
34. 9	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Manchester, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his parents dated June 30, 1863 concerning. . .the Army of the Cumberland is on the move, serious affairs, marched in the rain the morning after I wrote you, heavy skirmishing every day, ordered to charge on the enemy through a large open field, 80 rods in distance, mud ankle deep, the rebs were two brigades strong on a hill, supported by a heavy growth of timber, 29 killed and wounded in our regt. In 15 minutes. . . among those killed was our 2nd Lieut. A. D. Merrill and Private Wm. Powell from Oregon, Ill. . .wounded include Joseph Wolf, Lorenzo Deets, three other boys in our company were slightly scratched, we succeeded in taking the hill and routing the butternuts killed and wounded, took the flag of the 2nd Ark, also a few prisoners, I helped carry from the field Merrill, Powell, and others and buried the min soldiers attire near a little creek. . . If I could I would</p>

	<p>feel discouraged or heartbroken, but I must not for somebody has got to fight our battles. . .as long as I am able, I am willing. . .if I fall, it is for the country and the people there in who reared me from infancy, could life be extinct in a better cause. . .will probably start for Tallaho_y in the morning, expect to meet Bragg there with a large force, it is now quite late, my Captain and 1st Lieut. are sound asleep by my side. . .rain. . . I saw Jos. Francis, I sent to Geo. Our \$100, tell him to keep \$25. . .</p>
34. 10	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp Chance, near Stevenson, Alabama by Virgil E. Reed to his father dated Sept. 4, 1863 concerning. . .we will all be together once more. . hope we will be able to setle this war in the coming year. . the entire Army of the Cumberland with Burnside's Independent Corps is on the move, crossing the Town River on Pontoon Bridges. . .Chattanooga. . . reported as being strongly fortified by natural heights. . just a month ago today for it was then that we entered as starved forsaken prisoners of war, I never wish to go there again in that way, our army is fast closing in on them, ordered to send all of our baggage back, except company desks and rations, lay her for two days awaiting orders, guard the bridges and build a fort. . . salary of \$22, equal to that of a 1st sergeant and not ½ the work. . .</p>
34. 11	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp near Caperton's Ferry, Alabama by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Sept. 14, 1863 concerning. . . just finished a letter to Lucy, mailed it for ___ Morris, I am in need of money, 5 or 10 dollars, I have \$185 due to me from the government and my regimental friends. . . iam looking eagerly for a letter from some of the family, how is father's health, have they finished haying, I sent a box of clothing to father the other day, I must begin to provide for the future as we have arrived on the 3rd year of our enlistment, my health is tip top, we are erecting a fort to protect the pontoon bridge, our army is fast shoving old Bragg to the Gulf. . .Co. F, 34th Regt., 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 20th Army Corps. . .</p>
34. 12	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Battle Creek, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to "dear Brother, Johnie" dated Sept. 23, 1863 concerning. . . first letter I wrote home to you since I left in April, not for lack of affection. . .am used to waiting a month to six weeks for a reply, not so dependent on the mail now as I was. . . did our folks ever receive the wool blankets I sent, marked Mrs. Caroline Johnson, Grand Detour, Ill., sent them from Tallahoma, Ten. In July, also sent a box by Adams Express to Franklin Grove, ILL addressed to father, prepaid, was going to send some trinkets home, but due to recent move, am now 15 miles from nearest express office, I had a pair of fine boots I bought off John Matthews for \$3, sold them last night to a lieut. in Co. G for \$7, I sent to mother the other day for money, ask her to send me \$10, completely strapped, no prospect of getting paid, I suppose you get reports of the battles, before you get this letter you will have heard of the "final results of the great & bloody battle which is now progressing in the neighborhood of Chattanooga!" it is direful to witness the suffering of the poor wounded soldiers, over 2,000 passed here today, being compared to Shiloh and Stone River, fear all of our brigade has been killed or captured, we have seen smoke and heard canon, "thank God we were spared from the deadly conflict". . . many of my old friends and acquaintances wounded</p>

	or reported killed, expecting hourly to be attacked by cavalry, wish to destroy our pontoon bridges, moved camp from the south to the north side of the river, some of Grants troops reinforced Rosencraus, among them was the 46 th Ill. . .
34. 13	Photocopy of correspondence from Battle Creek, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his “dear mother” dated Sept. 28, 1863 concerning. . . your letter of the 22 nd arrived safely, received the needed ‘greenbacks’. . . wrote to Geo. . . also received a letter from Wm. Holden, reports all quiet on the Mississippi, he is in good health, 180 lbs. . . . when a soldier is sick here, before he knows it he is either better or dead and buried. . . Commander General Rosencraus now holds Chattanooga. . . our army and that of Braggs is in very close connections, continual skirmishing night and day, dueling with artillery is occasionally practiced, Old Rosey says he is safe and can play out his hand satisfactory, machine guns of 32 calibre are passing here every day for Chattanooga, enemy has scattered their forces some, may try to work around our rear, already have below Huntsville, Ala., movements are watched with great precaution. . . 2 brigade of cavalry are passing here today to intercept the enemy, you spoke of “Bill Bailey” committing sour and depredation, would like to know more, by the way, I owe Bill \$5, does he owe father anything, offset one for the other. . .
34. 14	Photocopy of correspondence from Battle Creek, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his “dear mother” dated Oct. 3, 1863 concerning. . . surprised to receive another letter from you so soon, does me good to hear from home, other people have excuses why they don’t write. . . don’t even need to know what state I’m in, our department handles that. . . traded a pair of No. 6 shoes. . . John Mathers/Matthews?. . . a nice pair of fine boots. . . other contents of box. . . 9 pairs of wool pants, if father, Geo., Eddy or Johny wishes a pair, let them have them. . . a most horrible explosion took place at Stevenson, blowing up immense quantities of munitions, killed 158, wounded 30 fatigue soldiers, shells continued to explode for 8 hours. . . our pontoon bridge moved down to Bridgeport, expecting an attack from Wheeler’s Rebel Cavalry, now 6 miles away between a small Mt. town and Chattanooga, already overhauled and burned a train of 60 wagons loaded with supplies for Rosencraus, this report still needs confirmation, large reinforcements from Meads army just arrived to assist our Corporal “Rosey” who holds Chattanooga. . . surprised to learn of the death in Oregon, had not heard of Hiram joining the army, wrote to Johny last week, looking for a letter from Jennie(?), father, and Libby. . .
34. 15	Photocopy of correspondence from Camp near Andersons and Roads, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his “dear parents” dated Nov. 7, 1863 concerning. . . have not heard from home since Oct. 20 th , nearest station at Bridgeport, Ala., 40 miles away, our postmaster takes 2 to 5 days after mail. . . mud, aren’t even provided half rations, Lieut, Slaughton goes to the woods occasionally to get a pail full of walnuts, some boys gather nubbins of corn from the fields, we belong to the 2 nd brigade, 2 nd division, 14 th army corps, will probably go to the front soon, rec’d a letter from Wm. Holden, in J?uka, Miss. . . one of our co. was wounded at Liberty Gap, Tenn. last June, just returned from home, saw you when he was on his way to Oregon, . . . father, my blood is greatly out of order, send me a package of sulphur and cream of tartar, by way of Geo. Richardson or the mail,

	<p>tell Geo. Richardson that he need not hurry back, won't make a difference if he stays at home all winter, unless the Captain is informed of him being released from Duty as orderly for Gen. McCook. . .mustered for pay, don't know when we'll get it, both Capt. and Lieut. are with the Co., building and repairing roads, I had a dream of home last night. . .</p>
34. 16	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Chattanooga, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his father dated Dec. 1, 1863 concerning. . . rec'd letter of the 16th, all alone in my Captain tent since the 25th, troops moved out that day and after scattering and demoralizing Bragg's Army, "they 'stroke across' for 'Johnny Bull'" I guess- as they have not been heard from since". . . I with 5 others in Co. F and as many in other companies were left here in charge of the baggage, no news, just reports, you probably know more about the recent battle than we do, even though we were in sight of it. . .34th. . . left her at Moccasins Point, just between Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga. . .rebs driven from Lookout Mt. on the 24th and 25th, had a birds eye view, our loss was heavy but nothing compared with the Rebs, we gobbled in nearly all of their artillery, the boats and cars from Bridgeport furnish us with supplies, weather remains pleasant during day, cold at night, lonely. . . "I feel lost when I am absent from the boys", am in hope that Gen. Meade will clean out the Eastern army & I think the rebellion will lay down and die. . .tell mother that I rec'd the package of medicine, tell Edwin I will answer his letter soon, what is John up to?. . .addressed to Lyman Reed, Daysville Ogle Co, Il. . .</p>
34. 17	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Chattanooga, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Dec. 6, 1863 concerning. . . regt moved out in pursuit of the "flying enemy" on the 25th, they stroke for Knoxville to relieve Burnside. . .left in charge of Co. baggage, this co has done about enough fighting this winter. . . I hope that old "Long Strut" will never be permitted to get from East Tennessee, Capt. Gallion caught cold, experiment considerably in the cook line, what I overlook is propped by him, Vinegar Pie. . . experienced cook, go by father's rules, no cookbooks. . .kitchen build of small pine logs, 8 by 12 by 6. . .plenty of wood, daily mail, weather as warm as spring, all is quiet, the shrill whistle of a steamer or locomotive is frequently heard. . . an acquaintance in camp, Sam'l Bullock, Geo. Crumb, Frank Barker. . . if we only had a pond frozen over and a each a pair of skates. . .saw the old 13th Ill boys, two took dinner with me, Dennis Donihoo and Henry Lee Sergeant, glad to see them, there reg't had over 60 killed and wounded, incl. their Col. Major. . . the 52nd Ill is here, has gone with Sherman's command to Knoxville, , the 127th Ill is also along, have not met with Charly J or Wm. Holden yet. . .received the medicine you sent, haven't received the fruit from firend George yet. . . the most striking and shameful news of the War, Morgan's Escape!. . . why don't I hear from Lucy, George, or Jennie. . . Wish you a Merry Christmas and New Years. . .</p>
34. 18	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Nashville, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his parents dated Mar. 4, 1864 concerning. . . at 2nd Qrs., where I find friend George settled, as cozy as a woodchuck, tells me that Clinton moved out to Chattanooga, clerk at Dept. Head Quarters. . . arrived in Chicago at 4 o'clock, left at 8 o'clock, Valpairaso, Ind. Passed through Logansport and Indianapolis, then to Louisville,</p>

	<p>found cousin John, took dinner with him, John had been sick, thinks of moving up into Indiana. . . Chas. Jackson passed through. . . Capt. W. G. Gallion is quite sick. . . Lt. S. is well. . . tell Mrs. Hinkle that John is here with me. . . tell George that Cuz. John said two brothers in the service would exempt the 3rd from being drafted, I never heard of it before, if so, George may rest easy. . . Sert. Lyman Frost was promoted to Capt. in the 3rd Missouri colored regt.. . am sorry that Edwin could not be with us on this trip (to Springfield?). . . Elliot R. Taylor will be left here sick, caught cold, settled in his bones. . . I have not slept five hours since I left Dixon. . .</p>
34. 19	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Camp 34 Ill, Rossville, GA by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated April 29, 1864 concerning. . . rec'd yours of the 23rd. . . write letter to pa as well, or any of the family. . . you are having good health and disagreeable weather. . . wipe confederacy and all its tributaries out of existence, has George concluded to stand the draft. . . I don't hear Ed complain any, but seems very melancholy after the mail arrives and nothing comes for him. . . encourage Lucy, Johnny, and all to send him a letter. . . don't forget me either. . . I don't think he'll be able to stand the sultry weather of this country. . . I would change places with him if it suited Lt. S. . . we will move on Monday, only high authority knows where. . . perhaps Ringold, Dalton or Atlanta. . . very busy on muster and pay rolls.. . I should send you copies of Southern Papers, Chattanooga Gazette, Nashville Times, Prep. Journal, etc. . . all of them combined does not provide as much sound reading as one copy of the Chicago Tribune Dollar Times, copy of the tribune occasionally sent to the Lt. . . as welcome as reinforcements from the North. . . retain my occupation as Chief Cook and "Rousterbook"? . . my ankle is better, was swollen and broken above the ankle. . . "we have Uncle Sam as a commiserate"</p>
34. 20	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Virgil E. Reed to his father dated Jan. / Jun.? 28, 1864 concerning. . . (faint photocopy) another grand charge, we held a critical position on the front line, near the base of Kinesaw Mt. the past week, our Co had but two slightly wounded from exploding shells. . . a calm before the storm?. . . 35 wounded and 2 killed, Edwin was one of the wounded. . . Lieut. Slaughten, William Williams was sent back. . . Ed told me that he was wounded, I went immediately to the Co., but no one had seen him. . . Frederick ____ was killed. . .</p>
34. 21	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from a camp near Atlanta by Virgil E. Reed to his father dated July 31, 1864 concerning. . . all quiet along our front. . . numerous brass bands...only one line of rifles between us and the enemy. . . Gen. Hood took command of them on the 17th, on the 19th they fought us near Peach Tree Creek, on the 20th they charged the extreme left of our line, several hours of hard fighting. . . I never saw the effects of battle to equal this before Shiloh!. . ."O! the ignominious souls of traitors!" old Beauregard has failed to meet me since he made his exit at Shiloh in April 1862. . . father, if you will kill old Val ?landingham and knock Freemont in the head, I will do my best to try to suppress the rebellion in the department after which I will Erase the surviving eye of Jeff Davis, aid the emancipation proclamation, kidnap all the leading authorities of the confederacy, and we will then write and establish a constitution</p>

	<p>satisfactory to our views, we will settle down in Daystown and force our subjugate to support us.. . What do you say pa, are you willing to commence operation?. . . an orderly just informed our commander that the Johnnies were concentrating on our front. . . Macon & Atlanta R.R. which our guns are guarding, we have completely destroyed the R.R. running east to Augusta also the R.R. turning West via West Point to Montgomery, Ala.. . Rousean has gone with 18,000 cavalry to relieve our prisoners held at Americus, Ga...</p>
34. 22	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from unknown by Virgil E. Reed to his "dear father" dated Aug. 23, 1864 concerning. . .(faint photocopy) nothing of note has transpired. . . Gen. Hood. . .Chattanooga. . . Gen. Grant, Sherman. . .North of Dixon Mason line. . . Sherman could occupy Atlanta any day that he would wish, but says he intends to be in possession of a greater prize than the vacant city, he thinks by gradually moving around the place he can transform it from a park and place of resort for the Southern aristocracy into a cemetery. . .hood is a fighting man. . . reb deserters say they would not care to fight...rec'd your letter of the 24th...left Rossville, I heard from Edwin yesterday by a letter from Geo B. R., he was getting along fine and enjoying himself, Bill H. is well...Spaulding is reporting daily to the surgeon, Lieut. S. in good health, I fear we will lose him at the expiration of his term of enlistment which will be on the 7th of Sept...will place the Co. under Bill Frost's command, I would much rather serve under some old cow or a jackass, for he is worse than either, not a man in the Co. likes him nor feels that he is competent of running even a squad (letter cuts off)</p>
34. 23	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from East Point, GA by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Aug. 29, 1864 concerning. . .I wish I was with you instead of in the state of Georgia...I have not forgotten how to rake hay, cut willows, kill snakes, fish, etc. I suppose Johnnie will attend to these branches of service effectually until reinforcements are sent him. . .Co on a raiding expedition with the intention of dislodging Hood from the city of Atlanta... burning the rails, we leave the confederate army severed from their doomed states of confederacy, I should not be surprised if the "Yanks" and "Butternuts" met with a collision before the sun sets this day...Sherman, Bacon or Daskhoms...If our northern friends will only control the "Bsslot box" the war will soon end satisfactorily...rec'd a letter from Edwin dated the 13th, no notion of returning to the company, I hope he may remain there until this campaign is settled, Bill, John, and Allen are well and hearty...rec'd a letter from Clinton Taylor, stated that he and George Richardson was ordered__to return to the regt, to be mustered out on the 7th of Sept....Lieut. Slaughter? is disabled for duty and is stopping here with Co. D of the 34th, on detached duty as provost guards for Gen. Jeff C. Davis, lately promoted from Brig. Maj. Gen., formerly commanding the 2nd Div. of the 14th AC. . .Hattie tells me she is going down to see Lisa and expects her to return home with her in a fortnight or so... have not heardfrom George lately, nor Lucy...</p>
34. 24	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Atlanta, GA by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Sept. 27, 1864 concerning. . .rec'd letter of 16th and 18th, the rebels succeeded in capturing three trains of cars, one of which was the mail train, all was burned, it pains me to know that my friends have to mourn the loss of those</p>

	<p>most dear to them, even if they are strangers to me, you have my best wishes and sympathies, I am sincere in the belief that this rebellion will close ere another six or eight months passes... we have to wish, watch, and wait... good Old Wheeler has tore up some of our RR between Dechard and Stevenson, Ala on the Nashville and Chattanooga road. . .orders, four days ration, intent to capture the enemy...Old Wheeler or Roddy, Dick Taylor, or any other notorious horse thief...Gen. Jeff C. Davis...the Captain U.G. G[allion(?)] is with us, already tendered his resignation, Lt. S. is out with Co. F on the picket line...rain, cool nights, plenty of wool and rubber blankets, expecting pay in a few days...redish piece of coin, such a premium offered for gold, a nice gold ring made of a red coin, a valuable memoir, gold on the decline</p>
34. 25	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Florence, Ala by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Oct. 6, 1864 concerning. . .rec'd letter that you and Lucy sent to Edwin in my care dated Sept. 20th, Edwin wasn't available the evening it came, took the liberty to acquaint myself with the contents, hasty move from Atlanta, arrived at Stevenson, Ala...Huntsville Road, div. of the 4th A.C. , Nashville RR, many obstacles, skirmishes with the enemy, who are tearing up the track and burning small bridges...Huntsville, enemies had demanded a surrender of the place, Colonel at the post said he would see them dead first..."I never saw so many negroes of both sexes of all shades"...Athens...destroyed near a mile of track, gave our construction trains employment through the night...rain...Col. Campbell surrendered one of the finest forts in America with a negroe regt. And 2 co's of the 18th Mich. Vol., he was a cowardly traitor and will suffer for his treason if ever caught by the Federals the 4th Ill was selected as provost guards to keep order, though are stay there was limited... winter in either Alabama, Georgia, or Mexico...Bill Williams, Chas Taylor, fresh ham for supper, devouring portions of the porker...confronted by rebels on horseback (letter ends abruptly)</p>
34. 26	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Citizen's Hospital No. 1, Chattanooga, Tenn. by Virgil E. Reed to his brother John dated Oct. 14, 1864 concerning. . .with Edwin in the lower basement of a church, arrived with the 2nd Div. from Florence, Ala...Edwin gaining quickly, not strong enough to perform his duties as nurse yet, but I think will be soon...Chattanooga RR, marched over 600 miles since the 29th, tiresome expedition, , yet never enjoyed myself better in my life...wrote to Ma from Florence on the 6th, web-footed cavalry---expert in getting around, 11 rivers to ford & swim...gobble old Wheeler Forest or their half cloven-footed Cavalry...our move was so spiritual as to affect Old Roddy most seriously, citizens of Florence told us that he lay at the point of death in Tuscumbia, only 5 miles from Florence...reached Athens, the Ohio troops held their election for state offices, all for the Union Republic...I fear the votes of the Ills and Indiana troops will be held from the polls, but no fear as to the general results of the next presidential election...tell father and George, expect to hear of them both casting their votes for all that are true...pay Mr. Lucraft for my boots, waiting for a letter from Lucy, cool weather, please send me a pair of gloves...</p>
34. 27	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Savannah, GA by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Dec. 21, 1864 concerning. . .this coast city but a few hours ago</p>

	<p>held by our enemy, many prisoners, all of their large and a great many of their small guns, Fort Jackson was saved and many trophies in the city, their gunboats were mostly burned, some escaped by crossing the river last evening, only one mail since coming here, two or three from you and as many from Lucy, father, Edwin and other, receive all manner of reports form Gen. Thomas, rimors that we were going back to Tenn, need for a large force there, hope it's not true, don't want tto winter farther north, unless at home, weather like the summer in Ogle County, numerous oysters here, this is a beautiful city and contains many loyal inhabitants, you will here of other places being annexed to Abraham's catalogue soon, but I fear with not as little loss as this, I should like to hear from Edwin, is he at home or not, wrote me last from Chattanooga on the 3rd of Nov. , I sent him a suit from the 34th containing money for him and Bill H(?), received the suspenders and handkerchiefs that Lucy sent me...had made a pair of suspenders from a tamed doghide which were very strong...have been working on muster rolls, Lt. Bill and Capt. Jon(?) are well, Jennie...</p>
34. 28	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from Savannah, GA by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated Jan. 15, 1865 concerning. . .(last page crosshatched) received your letter of the first, sorry to cause you so much trouble about those boots I asked you to send, :Old U.S. furnishes all that any soldier needs, (prices of items available to him), I saw Charles C. Jackson as we moved from our recent camp in the swamps near the Ogeechee Canal, Lieut. Bill and myself to dine with him...Capt. Gallion surprised us yesterday with his presence...Friend Jennie, Emily Jackson...</p>
34. 29	<p>Photocopy of correspondence from _oldsboro, M. _. By Virgil E. Reed to his family dated Mar. 27, 1865 concerning. . . (Faint photocopy) two from Co. F were killed...killed were Srgt. Wright, Prvts. Gull & Merrick, wounded incl. Corpl. Fish, Charles Taylor, Corpl. Byron Taylor, Joseph Blanch, S.S. Ellis...our wounded have all been transported to places more appropriate, hundreds of recruits are arriving daily, I hope the coming campaign will be the ending of the rebellion, reports of the army surrounding Richmond, believe we are to strike Ralleigh in a few days, from there to the capital of Va, from there you may look for us for we are coming home, you must all prepare for our reception... two or three letters from each of you, none from Lucy, George, or Edwin, one long one from Pa, one from mother, Johnie, and sister Sizzie, three from Miss Hattie and from others, Emily, Eliza, Lissa S....not from Jennie, perhaps some gentleman above attracts all her attention, If so, tell me and I'll challenge him for duel. .. If George has not enlisted yet tell him not to for mercy sake at this late stage of the game, I saw cousin Will...Sister's Ferry, Ga...letter from Eliza delivered through him to me...we drew clothing, have all I could wish save a short or two...Johnie Hatings..."Captian Slaughter has a Darkee, so you see we support a large family now" very comfortably situated...Capt. U.G.G. was also with us today as well, I am in hopes Billy W. will join us here, , have not heard from him since leaving Ga. Ferry, he and Allen were then on Governor's Island, N.Y....Daniel, Clinton, Geo. R. tells me that Edwin is still on the trains and keeps well, I wish Edwin was more communicative than he is...Henry A (Dr.) Mix and Philo Williams dined with us today...have not seen Chas. Jackson</p>

	lately, tell Lucy I sent her a letter at Byron from Fayetteville...
34. 30	Photocopy of correspondence from Virgil E. Reed to his "dear Ma" dated Mar. 28, 1865 concerning. . . received your letter of Mar. 11 th , busy on Pay Rolls...Capt. Slaughter has applied for leave of absence, the shirts you sent have not come yet...I was at Columbus...
34. 31	Photocopy of correspondence from Holly Springs, _?_ by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated April 25, 1865 concerning. . . " 'Peace is proclaimed', War still Raging, Lincoln lives and Davis dead"...artillery on half rations, I hear that Johnson's army will all be parolled today, our hospitals moved for Raleigh, the entire community here is dependent on the army, "their last tragical act at Washington will ever tend to revenge the hearts of all true soldiers in this Republic...Gen. Sherman says 'No to Traitors!' ...I wish we might be discharged this spring or summer, sent via eastern states, want to see our folks living there....the late Sergt. Wright of Grand Detour who was killed at the Battle of Bentonville used to talk so often of Lowell and other places...he was a good, true, and brave soldier, ...much is yet to transpire before all is righted, many recruits have joined us, Bill Williams came in yesterday, Allen Spaulding the evening before, I hear no more of Ed, is he home yet?, ...give me some postage stamps...
34. 32	Photocopy of correspondence from Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated April 29, 1865 concerning. . .coming home, rec'd your letter of the 11 th along with shirt and stamps, may be last opportunity for mailing a letter 'north' before we reach Richmond or still further 'up'...trip of 150 miles, averaging 15 a day, Bill W., Allen, and John are all here, if only Edwin was here, how much he would enjoy the trip, I hope he is well and able to meet us in Daysville once more...Gen. Sherman tells us the longest way is the surest, hopes to review us at Alexandria sometime next month, count on our going to Washington, John _ . K. has invited us to call on him...the war being now over, you may look for our coming home soon, this war has proved to be 'no failure' and I hope all northern traitors will see it in this light, their Southern brothers acknowledge themselves as subjugated traitors and are now the most humble beings on the face of the Earth...having very nice warm weather, well shaded by the evergreens, all seem so favorable and good, I know it will ever be impressed upon my mind so long as I live...
34. 33	Photocopy of correspondence from Washington, D.C. by Virgil E. Reed to his parents dated May 27, 1865 concerning. . .hopes of being discharged soon was blighted, I can scarcely content myself at anything or anywhere, arrived at Alexandria, Va on the 19 th , remained til the morning of the review...many of our troops were designated as those soon to be discharged...the Veterans are yet detained, pay is expected soon...we are well and have little to do, while in Alexandria I took particular pains to visit the Marshall Hotel in which Col. Elsworth was shot by the landlord Jackson in the Commencement of the war, this place reminded me of Rockford...but of America, I think her seat was well founded and in the right place of all the cities I ever saw...so many wonders...seemed as though everyone was present, except those I most wished for...was isolated in the Carolinas but a few weeks ago...falling of Jeff Davis in his crinoline attire...I saw Uncle Jn Hewikle at his office...Capt. Slaughter is

	well, so is Lt. Frost, Billy W., Jno. H., and others...a number of articles to express home, such as clothing...I had my photo taken at Alexandria, will send Lucy one in exchange for that which she retained of mine (sent by the artist at Dixon last spring) have her forward it to me...I am in hopes of visiting home again soon via either discharge or furlough...
34. 34	Photocopy of correspondence from Louisville, Ky by Virgil E. Reed to his mother dated June 26, 1865 concerning. . .answer your letter of the 18 th , first letter in a long while...expect pay tomorrow, 20 percent of our army is being furloughed for a period of 10 days only, I could take advantage of this and be with you for the 4 th of July, would do so if I didn't believe we would soon be discharged, be permitted to go home and stay forever, there is to be a great celebration held at this place, Edwin says he will come up, has some notion of being furloughed home, Geo. Richardson is here and acting Agent for Wm. s. Dodge, publisher of 2 nd Div, 20 th A.C. (history)...I will send one copy of the work to father...Billy rec'd a letter from Eliza, I am anxious about the safe arrival of our dry goods, express receipt accompanied the letter I sent Jack Williams, I had one new Poncho, 2 pairs of wool pants, two or three old wool shirts, package of books, papers, etc, a lot of loose trinkets, the balance belongs to Jn. S. Hastings and William Williams, Johnnie S. H. is well...much said of our soon being discharged, talk is of the same substance that the Kanotia RR was constructed of between Rockford and Dixon...
34. 35	Photocopy of correspondence from Bellefort, Ala by Virgil E. Reed to his father dated Aug. 23, 1863 concerning. . .once more settled in camp near the banks of the Old Tenn. River, rebs are our nearest neighbor...army from Tulahoma...Cumberland Mountains, we live principally on green corn and peaches...our regt. Has been appointed as provost guard...a few miles south of Battle Creek...we are preparing pontoon bridges to cross the river...old Taylor's shingle machine...(letter written with too much ink, hard to read)
34. 36	Photocopy of fragments from unknown date unknown concerning. . .P.5. letter from Hattie, dated at Lyman Reeds Apr. 8, commented much as to the weather...wet and continuous rains, we have been enjoying the fresh spring breeze for several days, pleasure in visiting the groves in this season, its foliage shades us from the heat, listens to the merry songs of the varied feathered warblers fluttering from branch to branch....Mother, I have those wool stockings that you knitted, remind me of past events...sentinel repeats the watch words, "all is well"...received a letter from Lissa Stancliff, writes the most patriotic letter of any female I ever exchanged 'writs' with, I'll bet you can't guess what she sent me as a present, something I prize very much...she is a good gal...

Folder 35:	Smith, Alonzo (3 rd Brigade, Provost Guard, 1 st Div., 5 corps, Army Potomac)
35.1	Correspondence from 12 miles south of Fredricksburg by Alonzo Smith to his uncle dated May 7, 18__? concerning. . . eighteen days of marching and fighting, worn out. . . captured many prisoners and several pieces of cannon, have not captured Lee, but crippled his army, will have him out of Virginia before this summer is over, our loss is very heavy in recent engagement. . . four killed in his company. . . Gen. Grant, Mead, and Burnside were up inspecting the

	lines today. . . can see the “Johney Rebes” at work from where he sits. . . best regards to Aunt Eliza and cousin Ema
35.2	Correspondence from Donor to “friends” dated March 1, 1929 concerning. . .
35.3	Handwritten transcript of document 35.1
35.4	Photocopy of document 35.1

Folder 36:	Stillhammer, William (39 th IL, Co. K & 4 th IL Cav., Co. G)
36.1	Typed transcript of correspondence from Spring Hill, Va by A. B. Hoffman, Capt. 39 th IL, Co. F(?), to Mrs. Stillhammer dated June 18, 1864 concerning her son, went missing on the 16 th of May, a willing and obedient soldier, warm hearted friend, and brave, almost to a fault. . . he may not be dead, may still return
36.2	Typed transcript of correspondence from Richmond, Va by R. S. Boltsford, Capt. 39 th IL, to Mrs. Stillhammer dated April 27, 1865 concerning her son’s death. . . he had only recently returned from being a prisoner, had appointed him corporal in the company, fell during the charge on Ft. Gregg, on his person one dollar, 75 and some postage stamps
36.3	Original of document 36.2
36.4	Original of document 36.1
36.5	Photocopy of document 36.4
36.6	Cross-Reference Sheet
36.7	Photocopy of framed photo of William Stillhammer and two brothers
36.8	Large photocopy of document 36.4
36.9	Photocopy of document 36.3
36.10	Small photocopy of document 36.3
36.11	Copy of article, “Boy Soldier from M’Lean: Enlisted When Sixteen” dated Dec. 18, 1924

Folder 37:	Thompson, Charles D. (94 th IL, Co. K)
37.1	Typed list of letters, including date, where written, and addressee
37.2	Letter from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism addressed to E. Gale Pewitt dated April 30, 1979 concerning. . .
37.3	Photocopy of map of the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas dated Dec. 7, 1862 concerning. . .
37.4	Cover letter, titled “Civil War Letters of Charles D. Thompson”
37.5	Typed transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Oct. 5, 1862 concerning. . . ordered to march after Lebanon. . . on piece of ground once owned by rebel Gen. Price. . . digging in the entrenchments. . . acting Orderly Sergeant again, our orderly is sick in hospital for 2 weeks, no hope of recovery, received an argus from you this morning. . . received a letter from Will, father went to Georgetown. . . J. R. Ijams and myself only two non-commissioned officers that marched w/o giving out or leaving our company for an instant. . . I’m as fat as a pig, have not shaved since we left Benton Barraks, did you get the pictures I sent you, plenty of secesh down here, difference in our reception in Illinois and Missouri, “from Bloomington to St.

	<p>Louis everybody cheered us and flags and handkerchiefs waved from every house and even horses and cattle switched their tails in a particular manner. But in Missouri all was changed. A few half stifled hurrahs and the same number of dirty handkerchiefs greeted us.” . . . train stopped, two ladies, we sang that good old song, “John Browns body lies moulding in the dust, etc.” “If the Southern Confederacy is like the part of Missouri we have passed through Jeff Davis is a most consummate ass for wanting it and Uncle Sam is ditto for not letting him have it.” . . . soil composed chiefly of soapstone and black jack shrubs. . . hogs. . . our brigade is to be reorganized under Gen. Herron of Iowa. . . plenty of good peaches, apples and cider. . . pies, cakes. . . hard crackers, “won’t break if you pound them for an hour with a sledge hammer,” crackers marked B.C. . . .to mean Bully Crackers, not before Christendom as some assert. . .fighting at Sycoxie. . .</p>
37. 6	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Oct. 18, (1862) concerning. . . wishes to have a pair of boots made, Billings. . . will send you a coat. . . Capt. Briscoe, Capt. Rout give their regards. . game is plenty down here, hogs, pigeons, squirrel, quail. .. guns not brag worthy. .. supposed to get new ones. . .</p>
37. 7	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Nov. 24, 1862 concerning. . . Nov. 12th, left post for Ozark, assigned to a brigade in Herron’s division, 2nd brigade, 3rd division, army of the frontier, Col. Orme is acting Brig. Gen. . . . White Oak Springs. . . marched, wagons got stuck in the mud, left for Wilson Creek, near spot of famous Wilson Creek Battle fought by Gen. Lyon. .. will probably go to Arkansas. . .you are bound for the Buckeye State. .. I left Metamora the 24th of last January, McCronch and me went to El Paso, you can leave my gun with father. . .tell Mr. Crouch to write, I wrote to Lizz, I may get home before the 1st of Feb. , I think that the rebels are about played out. . .I wish you could send me George and Ellie’s picture, Aunt Allie, John Sewall, I received a letter from Eva Trunnell... Gen. Blunt, driving him back to Cassville, I am expecting to go into the Quartermaster Department in the Army of the Frontier, I have the assurance of a Lieutenancy if I stay with Co. K, Springfield in the hands of the state militia, our division numbers about 10 thousand, as does Tottens division. . . a secret, I am engaged to Miss Jule Bushnell of Bloomington, I expect you to keep this secret as I was once engaged to Miss Marie Cassel and may be yet for all I know. . . Helena, send papers</p>
37. 8	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Head Quarters by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Dec. 21, 1862 concerning. . . particulars of the fight, Wilson Creek Mo, 12 miles west of Springfield, Gen. Blunt, needed reinforcements, started for Arkansas, Fayetteville, met some of 8th Mo. & 1st Ark Cav., whole train captured, 24 wagons, crossed Illinois Creek, 94th on the left, 19th Iowa and 20th Wisc. on the right, Totten’s Division, force of 7,000, McNulta gave the order, “Commence firing,” Aid from Gen. Blunt to Hening, flag of truce from the rebels to bury their dead, granted, instead they retreated and left dead and wounded, Gen. Heron, Old Hindman. . . (Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark), saw bodies, mangled and eaten by hogs, all of company escaped except Corporal</p>

	<p>Flagg, shot and wounded in the head, but now getting along finely. . . first mail we've had in 10 days, 7 letters, wrote to Aunt Margaret Foster and Uncle Jim, Shuck told me to tell you that his belly was getting as big as Judge Davis and when he gets back to Bloomington, going to run for Alderman in the 4th ward, Gore, going to send a party home to recruit for the 94th, going to try to be one of them, haven't gotten boots yet, expect to as soon as Packard goes to Springfield after goods</p>
37. 9	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Camp Prairie Grove, Ark. by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Dec. 24, 1862 concerning. . . wrote you a note about the fight, will see details in the papers, also heard from father, Ena and Will Croch, and Lyd B. Higgins. . . Will said Mary C. was enquiring about me, John Sewell should be in the army, left at home to fight the women, I wish you could get Georgie's and Ella's pictures taken when you get to Cincinnati, warm weather, how did you spend Thanksgiving, I stood guard, oyster dinner, plenty to eat, honey molasses potatoes, get into the old woman's jellies and preserves, I was out jay-hawking the other day, got jelly and dried peaches. . . we have confed scrip, rather have than greenbacks, send you a sample, made in St. Louis, holidays, will send battlefield relics to father, Bible and hymn book, sorry Oll Ellis met with bad luck, Metamora, camp rumors about Burnside, wrote to Uncle James Thompson and Aunt Mag, love to Lizz, kiss for Ella and Georgie, forced to march, anticipate rough time, Ohio, tell Lou Snedeker to write me. . .</p>
37. 10	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Camp Prairie Grove, Ark. by Charles D. Thompson to his "dear Ma" dated Dec. 28, (1862) concerning. . . boots, Packard brought box as far as Rolla, Elk Horn Tavern, forty miles from here. . . Herron, fine weather, like spring, no snow yet, Boswell, (references Mother being in Bloomington), coal at high price, signed for Hasper and Leslie, awful dry Christmas, hope Will C. will make a match with the lady spoken of, a good word to Miss Cassell for me, father making money, old lumber yard, not encouraging to hear of Burnside defeat, avenge it by whipping old Hindman, suppose you heard of death of Will, Mary wrote that they are going back to Ohio, away from Metamora, no place to stay when visiting Miss Carell, Mrs. Harris, troubled with rheumatism in my left knee, tell Eddie I could get him a nice pony down here, Mil Wakefield has a very nice pony, Rod Ijams, complements to Laura S. and Lizzie Mitchell, W. B., folks down here were all secesh when we first came here, now all Union, Hindman's men deserting him, say his army is in starving condition. . .</p>
37. 11	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Mar. 22, 1863 concerning. . . a move, uncertain. . . I'm in the Q. M. Dept. with Timothy Owen of Bl[oomington], Lieut. Owen [is] quite a gentleman. . . officers trying to get me back, like Rod James. . . Capt. Burch, not the man I thought he was. . . the 94th is somewhere between Rolla and Batesville, may go to Little Road. . . heard they were fighting at Forsyth, untrue. . . foraging party met 400 guerillas, fired into rebs, rebs ran. . . splendid weather, peach trees in bloom. . . Jim Middleton, leaves for the 3rd Division tomorrow morning, sold all his goods. . . I met with three Brown County boys, Hugh Espey of Georgetown, Tom Adkins and Will Ammon of Ripley, Espey is 1st Lieut. in</p>

	<p>Rabbs. Indiana Battery and the other boys are privates in the same. . . Will Ammon is a Captain, confirmed by the Senate, awaiting orders to proceed to Chicago, will be assist Adj't Genl. . . has Col. Orme returned to the regt, haven't heard, his horse and saddle are here. . . Will Ammon's father is a Brig. Genl. And has command of Camp Douglas at Chicago. . . received a letter from Mary, 1st one since she left Ill, pleased with new home. . . "I have one of the best horses to ride that Uncle Sam affords, but if some other Gen. besides Shofield should take command of the army of the Frontier and relieve Capt. Carr chief I. M., I might probably get to walk again and carry my confounded old knapsack". . . you spoke of going into the tobacco trade, more money to be made in 2 year old mules, buy them and sell them to the U. S. Govt. . . they now owe us 5 months pay from the 31st of October. . . I would be willing to soldier for \$5 a month if they would cut down the officers pay to something like an equality with the private soldiers, the provost guard are stripping every citizen and Negro they catch with soldiers clothes on, saw them strip 3 Negroes in the public square, a lot of deserters in the guard house, some put a barrel over them, others go around with a ball and chain to their leg. . . relics from the battlefield of Prairie Grove, 6 lb. solid shot, a piece of Hockkiss shell and two grape shot, also a 6 lb shot fired into Springfield by Marmaduke. . . hope Uncle John Foster will get a commission as Col. . . write more often, in care of Lieut. Timothy Owen A. A. Q. M., don't put 94th on it. . . regards to Mr. Dodd and the boys at the I C Depot. .</p>
37. 12	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Springfield, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Mar. 25, 1863 concerning. . . await marching orders, maybe to Rolla, certainly get out of Springfield, driest place I ever saw. . . since here, met with one Georgetown and two Ripley boys, Hugh Espey, Tom Adkins and Phil Ammon. . . my regt. Is 150 miles from here, Kansas troops all ordered away from here, 2nd and 3rd Divisions are between Rolla and Batesville. . . this place will be given over to the "Square toed Militia", good fighting on the 8th of January. . . think the army will be hauled up in front of Little Rock, Ark. . . splendid weather, "I have the Spring fever very bad," peaches in bloom, rushing the season, get nipped in the bud. . . roads fine for horseback riding, have a splendid horse, belongs to U. S. army. . ."Girls are plenty out here and they will marry any soldier on trial for three months". . . deserters. . . tempted to let some of these Missouri girls take me on probation if not for thoughts of my dear Julia of Bloomington, Julia B, far excels Miss Marie Cassell of Metamora. . . Bob Will is in love with a girl form Mayesville, Ky by the name of Crookshank. . . a letter from Will, just back from Ohio. . . anyone good looking in Felicity that wants to marry?, If so, recommend me. . . have you seen either of the Miss Tennis yet, how do you like them, love to Aunt Allie, tell Mr. Crouch to write, I got some maple sugar, may get furlough. . .</p>
37. 13	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Bloomington by unknown (Leonard Sweat) to "Gen. Curtis" dated April 20, 1863 concerning. . . Charles D. Thompson, a young man in Co. K who is by some disease of the feet, unable to march, has been detached to Timothy Owen, Reg. Q. M. as a clerk, his Capt. Threatens to force him back to the Co. , have written to Gen. Orme, if it comes to you, please order the young man to remain with Owen</p>

37. 14	Typed transcript of correspondence from Rolla, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his "sister [Mary S. Crouch]" dated June 4, 1863 concerning. . . army of the Frontier will be at Vicksburg, 2 nd and 3 rd Division left here for Vicksburg, probable that 1 st Division will follow. . .took nothing but infantry, cavalry and artillery of no service. . . artillery in abundance down there, Cavalry needed here to chase Bushwackers. . . Capt. Owen. . . go to St. Louis. . . then ready to go "down the river". . . expect to hear of some good fighting done by Gen. Herron's "gallant little Army".. . just finished monthly report and May vouchers. . . where is father and how long is he going to stay in Ohio. . . Aunt Allie, a kiss for Ellie and George. . .Felicity, Ohio. . .
37. 15	Typed transcript of correspondence from St. Louis, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated July 10, 1863 concerning. . . health of grandfather is improving. . . in St. Louis for a month, probably will be for another few weeks, glorious news, "the citizens of this city are making great preparations for a grand celebration in honor of the recent pictures of the Union Arms, every loyal house to be decorated with the stars and stripes, fireworks. . . will send a paper with the proceedings. . .general impression that Mead will completely annihilate or capture the whole of Lees Rebel Army. . . Capt. Owen is expecting the appointment of assistant Q. M. , now only acting assistant, next we go to Capt. Bradleys transfers, St. Louis is very pleasant (letter ends abruptly)
37. 16	Typed transcript of correspondence from St. Louis, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Aug. 2, 1863 concerning. . . expect to remain here another month, Capt. Owen left for Vicksburg on the 23 rd , went on business connected with the Q. M. Dept. , James Middleton arrived on Friday from Vicksburg, Capt. Foster on the same boat with him, bound for Georgetown. . .Jim looks bad, goes to Bloomington today, wrote to Shannon asking for \$10, knowing that he had some of your money, treated me with silent contempt, pronounced him "no gentleman". . . wish you would send me a Pantagraph so that I may know what is going on in Bl[oomington]. . . I am going to make application to Genl. Grant for a transfer from the 14 th to the 4 th Ohio Cavalry, wrote to Col. Marshall of Georgetown for recommendations, wrote to Ma. . . wish her to send me three or four of my best white shirts and a linen coat, will send two blankets home, don't need them. . .
37. 17	Typed transcript of correspondence from St. Louis, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Aug. 17, 1863 concerning. . . Capt. Owem returned from Fort Hudson last Friday, has been very unwell, will return to Fort Hudson between now and Sept. 1 st , will have the same position there as he had in the Army of the frontier, will have fifteen transports under his charge. . . you spoke of selling the house, on what conditions and at what price. . . If Sweat is in Bloomington, I wish you would get recommendations from him and Gen. Ammen to Gov. Yates and see if you can get me a commission, all that is needed is the political influence of Judge Davis or Leonard Sweat, I could get the recommendations from Orme and Herron, but the name of Davis or Sweat is all that would be required. . . I am in need of \$5. . .
37. 18	Typed transcript of correspondence from St. Louis, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Aug. 27, 1863 concerning. . . sorry to hear of the

	<p>continued illness of grandfather. . . I have been writing in the Judge Advocates office on General Orders, I can go will Capt. Owen if I ask to be relieved. . . undecided. . . cold weather. . . Jeff Thompson the reb came into St. Louis this evening. . . Mrs. Gen. Grant was in the city yesterday. . . Capt. Burr of Gen. Ormes staff is in Bloomington. . . I met Giles Smith of the 8th Missouri also George Ostrem. . . have requested for you to send me the Georgetown papers. . . I hear that Ed Hannah is dead, I would like to know the particulars, Will Lawrence and Ellen owe me a letter, my regards to Uncle John Foster and all the friends. . .</p>
37. 19	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from St. Louis, Mo. by Charles D. Thompson to his father dated Aug. 29, 1863 concerning. . . glad to hear that grandfather is better. . . weather is cold, the transfer is left to the option of the commanding general. . . “all that a person needs in this war to get anything he wants is the political influence”. . . complements to Col. Marshall and Uncle John Foster, Capt. Owen will go down the river in about ten days, not sure if I will go or not. . . no news from Bloomington, pay day, only have a dollar and fifty cents, heard that grandfather was at Uncle James. . . “I [saw] Jeff Thompson, he don’t look like any other Thompson that I know”. . .</p>
37. 20	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from near Helena, Ark. by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Oct. 31, 1863 concerning. . . tenth day out from St. Louis, not yet to Helena. . . we stuck on two sand bars between St. Louis and Cairo. . . anchor in the middle of the river to keep from guerillas, anchored 30 miles above Helena, right in a nest of guerillas, they did not fire on us, but fired on a boat. . . will get peppered when we bet below Helena, bad down there, I have a very nice time on the boat, plenty of good things to eat and there are several ladies aboard and we dance every night. . . heard that Capt. Owen was commissary at New Orleans. . . anxious to hear from you all, did you get the carpet bag. . .</p>
37. 21	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Georgetown, Ohio by Charles D. Thompson to “Dearest Mollie” dated Jan. 6, 1864 concerning. . . received your welcome letter. . . Henry and I went to the post office together. . . river full of ice, Henry and I have determined to come down after you and Lou about next Thursday, this will be better than coming up in the crowded “Buses”. . . the dinner bell is ringing. . . Henry here all day, I was talking to Aunt Nancy, took dinner with Lou’s mother, enclosed the last from Lizzie Holter, How is A. E. McC prospering, I hope he has not yet succeeded in flirting any of the girls, Poor fellow!, pity that he is so dull of comprehension, night we were at Scotts he was treated badly. . . If I come down on Thursday, “make up your mind” to go to “theater” on Thursday night, might see ‘Jim Simpson’ again, will hope for “Lolly Pop”. . . concerning Abby and Lewis, I know nothing except he has been there three times since I came home. . . Henry and I will employ a band to escort us. . . your last letter was dated Jan. 4th, 1864, regards to Lucy and Mrs. Albro. . .</p>
37. 22	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by Charles D. Thompson to his sister dated Feb. 4, 1864 concerning. . . received your letter of the 16th. . . so, father has moved to Ohio, he might do something for me in the way of getting me out of the service, have given up hope of getting an appointment with Gen. Ammen, if I leave these headquarters I can get a detail with Capt. Owen in</p>

	<p>Texas, no desire to go there unless as a citizen. . . I have got a new desk. . . we have a new Adj. General, very strict. . . have not heard of Col. Fyffe's death, but received a paper from Georgetown with news of Pete Stiglers death, has Auntie Allie received my letter with photograph, did Elle receive my letter, looking for a letter from her and Abbie, recived a letter from Ed Foster and Lee Thompson, I met a young man from Ripley named Will Thompson, I believe you used to know him, wore a white stove pipe hat, I received a letter from one of Capt. Owen's men, Capt. is anxious to have me back, I won't go as long as I can stay here, "I would not have a Negro commission is I had serve my life time as a 'private soldier'". . the 11th Army Corps is coming to the Dept, if that's so, Uncle John Foster will come. . . delightful weather, wish you could be here, eat oranges and get some birds, when will I get my clothes I sent for, wrote to father to see Alf Armstrong, my regt. Has been over to Mexico once. . . describe father's farm. . . I have lots of fun in this city, but prefer St. Louis, "The truth is I don't like these 'Yankees'". . . I think I will go to Thibodeaux to see Colens folks. . . 41 cents for butter, a boat leaves for Louisville tomorrow, did Mr. Crouch get my letter and has he any notion of answering it. . . got a letter from Texie the other day, glad she has not forgotten me. . . Wapella. . . have not heard of Will Gooding shooting any Ellsberry. . . received your Gazette. . .</p>
37. 23	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by Charles D. Thompson to his "sister Mary" dated Dec. 6, 1864 concerning. . . received your letter of Nov. 24th, I wish I could get a letter from you every week. . . Southern life agrees with me, but prefer the cooler climate of the North. . . delightful weather, Mr. Holders and Mr. Trelford were in the city, met and talked with them a number of times, Mr. Trelford brought me a note from Hattie King, she received a letter from Aunt Janie, Mr. Telford has a trade store in Thibodeaux. . . we have not had any pay in the department for four months and clothing is very high, I am in need of clothing. . . tell Master George that his letter was very interesting but has not yet been translated by anyone in the office, I received a letter from Calb, he was in Loxa, Ill, but thought of going to Wapella to learn telegraphing, was going to receive a situation from the Illinois C. M. T. T. Rail Road. . . dinner, soup, roast beef, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, lettuce, mince pie and rice pudding. . . the chief clerk, two others, the chief clerk of the special order room, and myself board with a private family on Barrons Street, the lady sets an excellent table, pay with our rations. . . a nice dinner on Thanksgiving Day with a splendid bowl of eggnog. . . we understand we may expect something nice on Christmas Day. . . Sue Richards is married, a wedding of your young ladies in Georgetown, will mention no names. . . glad to hear Laura and Will are happy. . . Mr. Walker likes Lou, does he?. . . Lou is an exception of a girl and one of my best friends. . . match horses, a squirrel, I sold my bird, can get another, a nice mockingbird is for sale. . . some of my friends may come with me, one has relatives in Claremont County. . . Hatties King told me in a letter that I could not guess who was Sizzie King and Sue Thompson's bow, please tell me. . . I would like one of Grandmother's photographs, and one of mother's too, have you had one taken. . . if I promise Lou Moore one of my photos, I will send it, but don't know when she can expect it. . . ask if I am to receive one of hers. . . I have</p>

	<p>photos of sixty persons. . . anxiously awaiting news from Sherman, cavalry of this Dept. has gone to cooperate with Sherman, left two weeks ago, expect they have marched through the confederacy. . . Genl. Hurlbut still in command of this Dept, but Gen. Banks has been ordered back, will soon be here. . . Gen. Canby recovering from his wound. . . heard that our gunboats were shelling Mobile. . . smallpox prevailing in the city. . . I am Chief Clerk of the General Order Room, I only have 8 more months to serve, will probably remain here, I wish I was at home, boys of the 59th having nice times. . . Dec. 7th, received the “Miors” of the 22nd with plenty of news, Georgetown prospering, new stores and many improvements. . . two years ago today we were fighting at Prairie Grove, a day long to be remembered by me, just talking about it with some boys that are on duty. . .</p>
37. 24	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by Charles D. Thompson to his “sister Mary” dated Mar. 18, 1865 concerning. . . recieved letter of Feb. 19th. . . I am in good health and spirits. . . as a soldier, I could not ask for more, would not change my position for any in the field. . . I have documents to prove that I have had some very good offers. . . I enclose a blank pass the Adj. Gen. allows us clerks to carry, orders that prohibit soldiers from wearing citizen clothing, we are protected in it, visit places where a soldier suit would be inconvenient, very apt to don the “Citizen harness”.. . also enclose a letter of presentation to Capt. Stone and his reply. . . , a splendid Bible. . . my regt. Has been transferred from the Dept. of the Gulf, by special permission of Gen. Canby, I remain at these headquarters, send a copy of the order to father last week. . . you have a good stock of poultry. . . I think I could get a mockingbird and cage for about \$25, canaries are worth \$6, I don’t think a redbird is much of a pet, I can get them here for 10 cents apiece, canaries are my favorite. . . Hattie King left her for Georgetown, I saw Lizzie Fulford and think she is very pretty, Mr. Fulford wishes me to remember him to all, I think he has a strong notion of going North, tell Hattie that Miss Hunter and I are good friends and that Mrs. Thompson brought a letter for me to send. . . tell Sue T. that I received her letter. . . love to the family and regards to friends. . .</p>
37. 25	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by Charles D. Thompson to “Mary” dated April 24, 1865 concerning. . . received your letter of the 9th, we are having delightful weather. . . news received and published last week of the most horrible and bloody tragedy perpetrated in Washington on the evening of the 14th. . . cast gloom and horror over the people, like a somber pall upon the city, hung out appropriate symbol of grief and sorrow at the calamity which had befallen the nation, saddest and most melancholy work that ever passed over the “Crescent City”. . . scarcely through rejoicing over recent victories when we received the sad news, whole city beautifully illuminated on the evening of the 15th. . . Gen. Banks returned to New Orleans, I think Gen. Hurlbut will go to Mobile, as good a man as ever commanded this department. . . Mobile had fallen, troops advance towards Montgomery, don’t think they will find any rebels, think the rebel army is about played out, an order for ___ hundred thousand volunteers, I hope I will be one of the number, but am perfectly willing to serve out my 3 years, you think I will make my future home in the south, I</p>

	<p>doubt your opinion, I have not made up my mind as to the future. . . did Hattie King's magnolia live?. . . I enclosed one of my photos. . . "under obligation for that red envelope but have received one or two from some 'fair lassie' besides I think Lou sent me one". . . I have changed my boarding place, noe boarding at Mrs. Alexander's on the corner of Barrons and Julia, pay \$6 per week, sets the table with the best the market affords, ten of Gen. Canby's clerks board here as well, breakfast at 8, dinner at 2 ½, and supper at 6 ½. . . 3 fairs in progress, one by the Ladies Aid Society at Masonic Hall. . . since writing this, received a telegram from Donaldsonville, Red River, the Gulf, fire. . . April 25th, after the "Webb" passed the city her career was short, pursued by our gunboats and overhauled, her crew run her ashore, set her afire, and abandoned her, two of her crew captured, accounts in the paper I will send to father. . . I enclosed a picture of J. Wilkes Booth as he appeared at the "St. Charles theatre" in this city last winter. . . if you have not already seen it in Georgetown, it will be a curiosity. . . I attended the fair last night, not holding lucky numbers, unable to draw a prize, you may expect some nice shells when I come home, Lizzie and Calb both owe me letters. . . 15 of the "Webb's" crew have just passed our headquarters under guard, captured last night. . . please write soon and often.</p>
37. 26	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from "Amanda Lyon" (sister) to "Mary" dated Sept. 4, 1890 concerning. . . bust preparing for winter, Jess is home for a vacation of two weeks, he is looking really well and is very much pleased with Columbus, thinks his salary will be raised, your mother is preparing to visit you this fall, will be nice for her to see our Nation's capital, she is fond of traveling and will surely enjoy it, I hope to come see you all in another year, Lizzie Love wants to go with me, Pauline is a little better, think she will get better with careful nursing, . . . all seem anxious to do something for temperance , almost raised enough money for the services of Bro. Garotte to preach at Higginsport and Sink Creek. . . Mr. Firm Drake told me they has over five hundred dollars already and that he would come for \$600 and would telegraph for him to come. . . they will move to Hig, I wonder how Mrs. Garotte will like this place after living so long in the city, she will be quite a help in our temperance work. . . When do you expect to visit Ohio, I scarcely ever go to Georgetown since you are not there, only twice to Ruth's since you left, Ruth an Lys were here last week, send love home. . . wish Gess could be with us, I do miss him, I was lonesome after they went. . .</p>
37. 27	<p>Typed transcript of correspondence from Lexington, Ky by "J. R. Howard" to "Charlie," son of Charles D. Thompson, dated June 22, 1892 concerning the death of Charles D. Thompson. . . thought of you all as real kinsfolk, he was the first one to whom I made known my business on my first trip to Washington, he was ever ready to make any sacrifice to farther my claim, certainly one of the noblest men it has ever been my good fortune to claim as a friend, If I had known in time I would have attended his funeral and dropped a tear on his coffin. . . thanks to the Great Giver of all God, a husband to the widow, a father to the fatherless, a friend to all who call upon him. . . when we meet beyond there will be no more partings, no more tears, only eternal joy and happiness in the presence of the Lord, present our deepest sympathy and love to you mother</p>

	and each member of the family. . . lost your address, requested that this letter be advertised if not delivered. . .
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Folder 38:	Trotter, John (94 th IL, Co. E)
38.1	Typed list of letters and a short biography of John Trotter dated 1983
38.2	Photocopy of correspondence from unidentified site by John Trotter to his wife Isabella dated Nov. 16, 1862 concerning . . . regiment left Springfield Thursday and now settled into this campsite, albeit uncomfortably . . . awoke to 4 inches of water in his tent . . . word of rebel cavalry nearby prompted a twelve mile hike to a campsite which turned out to be Union men. Those men were to furnish beef for the regiment. One old fellow there had three barrels of cider. The regiment's men drank much cider and suffered on their return march . . . Health much improved but not yet completely well. Trotter volunteered for night work despite his captain's protest about not yet being fit. Trotter is receiving greater consideration from his captain including a treat of coffee with cream. . . .Happy to hear Anna is better and returned to school . . . Photocopy includes family photo with Isabella.
38.3	Typed transcript of correspondence from Camp on Finley Creek, near Springfield, Mo. by John Trotter to his "dear Isabella" dated Feb. 22, 1863 concerning. . . received letters of Feb. 11 th and 18 th as well as two previous ones. . . before these had only received two letters since the fight at Prairie Grove on the 7 th of Dec. . . . write often, don't wait for me to write, am now writing on my knees, with a knapsack for a table. . . Anna well and getting fat. . . each man paid \$22.50, buying pies apples, geese, chickens, etc. . . . will get 2 months pay next, will send you some money. . . had a letter from Mary Anne in Aurora, plan to write her and Mr. North. . . looking out for the old Squire. . .
38.4	Typed transcript of correspondence from Mountain Grove, Ark. by John Trotter to Isabella dated Mar. 10, 1863 concerning. . . this letter enclosed in one from Miss Littler, written to on behalf of her brother. . . a good many in our company sick, 4 died of typhoid fever. . . surrounded by guerillas and a rebel army under Marmaduke. . . I will send you a daguerreotype at first opportunity. . . received a letter from the Squire. . . give love to father and mother. . . write, "give me all the news and gossip". . . fight with Marcus and Norman. . .give my love to brother North. . . is Anna in school, growing good looking. . . I am employed in the Adjunct office. . . "Butter Nuts". . . how is old man Loving and his wife. . . kisses
38.5	Typed transcript of correspondence from Gladden Valley, Mo. by John Trotter to Isabella dated Mar. 22, ___ (1863?) concerning. . . sickness amongst the men, bury some every day, typhoid fever. . . near the railroad, some suppose we're going to Vicksburg. . . had to send reinforcements to McNulta. . . how are father, mother, Emily, and Anna?. . . boys from Mackinaw, except Charly Tarmen. . . hope war will be over by summer, if providence smiles on us at Vicksburg and Fredericksburg. . . how are the Copperheads to your neighborhood. . . how is George Cox. . . Old Moss, the Gambler preacher has fallen from grace, greatest jayhawk in the regt, steals everything he gets his hands on, stole a lady's petticoat and hoops. . . how is Wesley Bowers. . . kisses

38.6	Typed transcript of correspondence from Rolla, Mo. by John Trotter to Isabella dated May 21, 1863 concerning. . . received your letter. . . Saint intends on going to “Helpasso” (El Paso) to work. . . have a roof put on and the cellar fixed. . . has been troubled with looseness of the bowels. . . send by W. Hinsman my “dog-type”, send me one of you and Anna. . . Bad news from Richmond. . . Anna going to school in El Paso, not with the ‘rag-tag and bob tail of Gregory School’. . . Stephen Conwell is well, attended to by Bill Littler. . . respects to sister and brother North as well as brother Schaffer, ‘the Son of Thunder’. . . kisses
38.7	Typed transcript of correspondence from Vicksburg, Miss. by John Trotter to Isabella dated July 10, 1863 concerning. . . received your letter, grieved that you are uneasy about me, was at hospital, but now with my Company, had to lose his finger. . . won’t be fit for duty for another month. . . 20 killed from our regiment, small amount out of several thousands. . . trust in God. . . glad Saint has got home. . . thinks the war is about wound up, return home. . . kisses
38.8	Typed transcript of correspondence from New Orleans by John Trotter to his “dear Bell” dated (sometime between July and Dec.) concerning. . . trust in God war will cease. . . Brother B___ of the Wisconsin was drowned. . . ordered to stay behind to look after the field chests. . . 94 th is at Brownsville, 40 miles from here. . . can see the land of the Montezumas every morning. . . 7,000 men in this expedition, 2 regts. Of “niggas” and some Irish and Dutch. . . Squire and Capt. Joseph Hopkins expected every time a ship arrives. . . where does widow Lovinf stay, has Tarmen taken his inheritance. . . wrote to Emily before leaving Carrolton, La. . . hope to write to brother North. . . has sniffed the sea breeze, health improved. . . have not heard 5 sermons in 5 months. . . kisses
38.9	Typed transcript of correspondence from Brownsville, Tx. by John Trotter to Isabella dated Dec. 24, 1863 concerning. . . received your letter of the 10 th or 12 th . . . Captain Hopkins returned, without Squire, who is in New Orleans in the convalescence camp, he might be discharged. . . tell my dear mother I received her handkerchief. . . good times, spiritually. . . preaching and singing. . . Wllofs was preacher one night. . . tomorrow is Christmas Day, too warm, butterflies are around and roses in bloom. . . all in good spirits since news of Grant’s victory. . . vice all around. . . give love to North and Trotter family. . .”often wish the president would draft some of the lazy men who were so liberal of their promises when the Volunteers left”

Folder 39:	Van Gundy, Mary (Wm. Van Gundy- 1 st Lieut.-94 th IL, Co. D & 2 nd Lieut.-150 th IL, Co. B)
39.1	Envelope dated April 16, 1863 to Lieut. Wm. Van Gundy
39.2	Correspondence from Mary Van Gundy to “her beloved husband” (William Van Gundy) dated April 11, 1863 concerning. . . received letter of the 5 th of April, wanted her to come down and see him, she will come if anyone else comes that she can come with and she can get the money. . . I let Uncle Andy have my money to go after Samuel. . . what a comfort it would be to get to see your lovely face and to have a good talk and a god play with our children. . . Mark _anks talks of coming. . . was going to sent you shirts, will wait. . . Captain Brown visited Old Town, not very welcome, talk of scalding him, gone to Ohio. .

	.Sylvester and Howard Sherman home and buried, Sylvester buried at Frank's Graveyard, Howard buried at Dawson
39.3	Photocopy of documents 39.2 and 39.1

Folder 40:	Wren, F. (Faire?) (62 nd IL, Co. H)
40.1	Correspondence from Hellena, Ark. by F. Wren "to his father Sam Wren" dated Jan. 26, 1864 concerning. . . has taken a week to get to his regiment, still isn't with them yet. . . in Hellena, plenty of rebels, will give them hell, some rebel deserters with us. . . say there is going to be an attack on Little Rock. . . damned fool recruiting officer. . . will send some money home. . . had ague once or twice. . . included \$40 in this letter, give it to Esie for me
40.2	Photocopy of document 42.1