On board Cars at Nickelsville
(T P.M.) January 4 1863

Dear Saints at Home:

We left Stamford last night at 4 a.m. and marched 14 miles resting from 12 till 4 this morning & we have marched 80 miles to-day to this place arriving at 6 P.M. where we go. I don't know but hear we go to Cincinnati & I shall try & stay in this letter there.

On board the train at the Ohio & Miss RR depot 2 P.M. Cincinnati Ohio

We started from Chagout & P.O. yesterday & after 15 miles side ways & a round nights slept one arrived
On board Cars at Nickolsville
(7 PM.) June 4 1863

Dear Friends at Home:

We left Stamford last night at 6 & marched 14 miles resting from 12 till 4 this morning & we have marched 20 miles to-day to this place arriving at 5 PM. where we go I don't know but hear we go to Cincinnati & I shall try & put in this letter there.

We started from N. about 8 PM. yesterday & after 150 miles ride & a sound nights sleep we arrived
at Covington & 0.01 this morning.

We have been in this city until
now & have just got aboard the
cars. We had a good ride & the
flour, peach, apple trees loaded
with the green fruit look too
good to leave but our bright
anticipations of the nice black
berries & fruit we were to have
in Ky. has failed & we are bound
for Natchez or

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we are going into as good a
county and thing certain they
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than N. After over 83 miles
march in 22 hours we didn't
like boys. The boys are now
very merry for a good many
days got too much whisky
in them. I am glad they
can't get whisky only once
at Covington 8 AM this morning. We have been in this city until now & have just got aboard the cars. We had a good ride & the plum, peach, apple trees loaded with the green fruit look too good to leave but our bright anticipations of the nice black-berrys & fruit we were to have in Ky. has fled & we are bound for Vicksburg or _________

We leave Ky. fat & tough & hope we are going into as good a county country one thing certain they can't get us into a worse county than Va. After our 33 miles march in 22 hours we slept like logs The boys are now pretty merry for a good many have got too much whiskey in them I am glad they can't get whiskey only once
in a while I wish I could say there was no Hillsboro boys drunk. We went to York and have just loaded into our car bread and meat and a keg of water which looks like a long ride probably our first stop will be at Cairo. About half of us were on top the car when we went through the long tunnel about 6 miles there the steam and heat was pretty hot but we thought we would try the fun. The people in Cincinnati are so patriotic as ever they gave us a good breakfast & if they would not let the boys home unless they would not act so like fools. Charles Boyett minds I should say he is well & tough the social this folks would probably want to hear I will say Charles is not
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should say he is well & tough he said his folks would probably want to hear I will say Charlie is
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Drunk to-day he has got enough to make him feel good. Check on writing for me we are still writing nothing but real and true suspenders now. I went to tell you that I met some nice strangers at Richvale & a lady there I went to buy some milk gave me what I tell you there are a bunch of people in there are good folks.

Oakhills Indiana

We have got so far & bare while we stop for wood & water the people of near gave us a hearty good bye of course started west on the bank of the Ohio crowds of ladies & children greeted us on all sides waving handkerchiefs & cheering.

We find a lot of pretty girls to throw kisses two or three miles after leaving Cin. The road runs on the bank of the C. on our right is a clothing bank and on the left a narrow strip all of which is covered with a paradise from flowers.
drunk to-day he has got enough to make him feel good. I keep on writing for we are still waiting Mother need not send those suspenders now. I want to tell you that I got some nice strawberries at Nickolsville a lady where I went to buy some milk gave me a lot I tell you there are a heaps of people in Ky. who are good folks.

Cochran Indiana

We have got so far & I write while we stop for wood & water the people of Cin-- gave us a hearty good buy As we started west on the bank of the Ohio crowds of ladies & children greeted us on all sides waving handkerchiefs & cheering We find a lot of pretty girls to throw kisses too for miles after leaving Cin-- the road runs on the bank of the O. on our right is a sloping bank and on the left a narrow strip all of which is covered with a paradise fine houses
beautifully shaded with trees along side is splendid gardens & fine orchards occasionally we see peach & plum orchards containing half a dog. orchards

The vast fields of garden vegetables such as turnips etc. & to onions turnips & cabbage & turnips &
mustards extend for miles

Sandoval Ills. 6 P.M. June 9th

We are now 200 miles west from Cincinnati have just got aboard the train headed south on the

Central R.R. I wrote this letter on top the car the other Bessee loading on the car. I have just

had a good supper I went in to a store a few steps from the train & asked for a daily paper

while reading the St Louis Republican
beautifully shaded with trees along side is splendid gardens & fine orchards occasionaly we see peach & plum orchards containing half a dozen acres

The vast fields of garden vegetables such as turnips carrots onions cabbag & turnips beets plants extend for miles

Sandoval Ills. 5 PM. June 6th

We are now 250 miles west from Cincinnati have just got aboard the train headed south on the Ill. Central RR I write this seated on top the car the other Co. are loading on the cars. I have just had a good supper I went in to a store a few steps from the train & asked for a daily paper & while reading the St Louis Republican
The storekeeper asked me to take supper saying he would always give a soldier a meal of victuals if for no better reason to spite the copperheads they were very good folks & worked me good luck while as I started to go on board the train Our ride through Indiana was not very interesting. The Ohio & Illinois R.R. runs through a rough & mostly wooded country we passed no cities but few villages of note. At Ninecзнакs we got hot coffee & soft bread we then crossed the Wabash & were soon when the wide open prairie land of Ill. Centralla 8 miles north on the Ill Central. We halted here for supper of coffee & fresh beef the village is crowded with people who gave us
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We halt here for supper of coffee & fresh beef the villag is crowded with people who gave us
a glorious welcome. The I.N.Central is the best road I was ever on where the Miss. & I.N.C. Rr. once the country is one broad level plain specked with little forest spots & thriving villages. The roads in both directions run perfectly straight & trains of cars dash along at a speed which would make New Englanders heads spin. The people here are very patriotic & take as much pleasure in entertaining the soldiers as the Philadelphians did last fall.

Sunday morning

We have stacked arms on the Plain just in the rear of the city of Cairo waiting for the boat which is to run up down the Mississippi river perhaps to Vicksburg or to take the cars at Columbus & penetrate the enemy
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country & give Sue Johnson fits.
I noticed at 6:30 on the way several batteries of heavy artillery which looks as though there is to be some pounding done. I saw Grand Junction at 6:30. This battery goes with us and it is got & tough. Cairo seems to be rather a muddy city but we have not seen much of it yet. Our ride from Centerville to this place was through a fine country & numerous villages. The way we passed, immense fields of growing wheat just tended out. The wheat is not so large a kind as that in Ky. corn wheat & everything else is later than in Ky. The people have smaller & neater houses than where we have been. But we miss the large "rich men" fine gardens & heavy fruit, growth of shade trees any where to be met with in Ky. We got off the cars here at sunrise & went up to go on board the boat this fell. Will try to write you again in a few days please write me often direct as usual.

Before you have got the letter with Emma's ring & mine (W&Y) shall try to get this in the mail to day.

Good boy & your's for Richmond.
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Suppose you have got the letter with Emmas ring & $1 in it (No 14) shall try & get this in the mail to-day

Good buy Hurah for Vicksburg
W J. Templeton