

# Dalrymple Family of Gallia County Ohio Civil War Letters

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## Family Relationship (Corning and Joseph were brothers)

<b>Corning Dalrymple</b> b. abt 1820 Adelia Dalrymple      b. abt 1825 Children: Smith I Dalrymple      b. abt 1843 Rockwell C Dalrymple      b. abt 1845 Charles Dalrymple      b. abt 1847 William Dalrymple      b. abt 1854 Mary Dalrymple      b. abt 1855	<b>Joseph Dalrymple</b> b. abt 1811 Sophia Dalrymple      b. abt 1819 Children: Madison C. Dalrymple      b. abt 1841 Lorenzo Dow Dalrymple      b. abt 1844 Lewis A. Dalrymple      b. abt 1846 Christian P. Dalrymple      b. abt 1849 Rosalia Dalrymple      b. abt 1850 Susan Dalrymple      b. abt 1854 James B Dalrymple      b. abt 1857
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Actual letters are below the transcribed letters.

**1 [Lorenzo to Sophia November 20 1861 Camp Morrow Portsmouth OH]**

Nov. 20, 1861

Dear Mother i take my pen in hand to inform you that i am well. All but a bad cold and i hope these few lines will find you well and all the rest of them i left in addison the morning that i started from home for portsmouth and got there the next night., and we marched up to camp., and the next day i found out what a Soldiers life was., Some time he dont git enough to eat and other times git more than two men can eat and that aint all they will learn how to steal what ever they can git their hands on id convenient, Some times we git the best quality to eat and other times we git the poorest quality Sometimes we git meat that will crawl off the table as fast as we can put it on the table. Some times we git the best kind of beef and other times we get bones to knaw like dogs., we git good bakers bread some times and other times we git Sea crackers and they are crackers for certain when we cant bite them we take and boil them to make them tough and then tare them to pieces and make pills of them and swallow them., and when we sleep we roll up in a blanket like an indian with Some Straw to lay on., we had our Election to day and Elected John Evans Capt and i hope we may have better times hereafter which i think we will. If we dont we will march up to head quarters and if we dont do better then we will cecede and go home i give you a history and made it as bad as i could to not tell to big a lie., it is pirty near right what i teell you., as for our clothes they are pretty good such as they are., i Think i will come home in Side three years if nothing happens the ladies of portsmouth give each one of us a pocket coshen and a fine come the coshen is to carry our kneedles and our thread and pins etc., if i Should not live through this war I want you to collect my wages., and give christian the land if he is a really good boy and stay at home and keep the balance for your Self i want you to take care of Madisons letters he sent me if you please., and if Madison dont git back he told me in one of his letters to Collect his wages., and if he dont git back you and father can collect all of this and buy you a home that is if father comes home

this is all at present

Send my best respect to you all.,

Lorenzo Dalrymple

## **2 [Madison to Sophia December 21 1861 Camp Bakin Bakin Creek KY]**

Date December 21, 1861

Camp Bakin  
Bakin Creek

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to inform you that i am well at present and i hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I received your letter this morning before daylight it was a glorious good letter. I was very glad to hear that you was all well and doing well at present. We left Elizabeth Town A bout two weak ago and come down to camp Washington and stayed about A weak and then we come down to camp Bakin here we are now We dont Calenlation to leave here till further orders are given. General Buchners force is about ten miles from us and some off our men are in site off the Secesh men. We take the papers in our tent. We pay 88 cents for forty papers. It is very cold here it is colder than i thought down here in Kentucky i am going to bye me a colts revolver to defend myself in this furious war. How is Alexander Scott and his wife is gitting a long since i left home i would like to no. Send my best respecks to mr Scott and his wife. It was so cold to day i couldnt rite this letter no better. You must excuse me for my bad writing and mistakes. I want my brother Christian, to write me a few lines so i can see how good he can write. I send my best respects to you all and your friends. No more at present to my dear mother Sophia Dalrymple your son Madison. Direct your letter to Elizabeth Town Ky. Co K 18 regt. Ovs Ohio volunteers.

## **3 [Lorenzo to Sophia December 28, 1861 Camp Morrow Portsmouth OH]**

Camp Morrow  
Dec. 28, 1861

Dear Mother it is with pleasure i inform you that i am well and hope these few lines find you the same., I got Down here in camp the next day after i started from home and lost my overcoat on my way down here., i guss somebody Stole it on the boat, and i was going to git another one and Leutenaut rife., told me when i wanted an overcoat i might have his and then i can save my money if i draw one from the comissary i will have to pay for it and i don't want to git one until after the first payment., and then it will come out of my next two months wages,. We have got our guns and the next will be our pay Capt Kanegar says we will git our pay a bout next Tuesday you will gear when we git our pay will See it in the papers that the 56 Reg has got their pay and mustered in the united states service and i think as soon as we are mustered in the service of the united states we will be ordered a way from here into ky, or, va and join some brigade or be put to guard some town or rather and i will be glad to leave here for we have been here so long that it seems lonesome and some of the boys are gitting so lonesome that they break guard and go home and then the Col. Has to sent somebody after them and the cost and trouble of gitting them comes out of their wages and it would be a benefit for some the boys if they was in an enemys Country they wouldnt lose their wages nor perge their oath breaking guard answer my letter when you can git a good opportunity this is all at present i send my best respects to you.,

Lorenzo Dalrymple

#### **4A [Lorenzo to Sophia February 5 1862 Camp Morrow Portsmouth OH]**

February 5 1862 Camp Morrow

My Dear Mother

It is with much pleasure i inform you that i am well but very week i received your letter this morning and was glad to hear that you was all well and hope these few lines will find you the same you said you hadnt heard from Madison., i wrote him two letters and havent recieved no answer yet., the last letter he wrote to me was Dec i am sorry to hear that father wants to git a bill or ever try to., he is gitting puty in years and he could live better and with more pleasure to find him a good home some where or rather and where he would be well used., as he likes to take his bitters which does him no harm but you are so much against having it a bout., it would hardly be right for him to use it at home., he wants to come home onst and a while to see his children., and i say while he is at home he must not impose upon good nature for some times that makes a row., our Regiment has moved their quarters out of a swamp where the mud and water was too deep to wade and to shallow to swim .... about a mile up the turnpike on a more higher and dryer place where it is more pleasant and nicer position we can see all over portsmouth and where we were befor it was like being in the middle of the ocean we could just look up and see the sky look down and see mud and water the reason why we could not see out there was a high bourd fence all around us i dont think i can say any more at present., So you receive these few lines with pleasure., i send my best respects to you

Most truly your affectionate son  
Lorenzo Dalrymple

#### **4B [Lorenzo to Lewis February 5 1862]**

Dear Brother

You say you are out of business and want to volunteer you better wait a while untill i can come

home then you can come down with me and if i cant git to come home i will let you know but i think i can git a furlow soon as i am well enough., i think likely we will git our pay this week or next i wish we would for i am out of money this is all at present i send my best respects to you and all the rest of them.,

Lorenzo Dalrymple

## **5 [Smith to Cousin May 20 1862]**

May 20 1862

My Dear Cousin

I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you the same i received your leter the 26th and was glad to here from you it has been so long a time since i had hurd from you that i did not now whether you was dead or a live your Company is all well i believe wee have moved on Towards Corinth and Guildmy Crest works every day i just come off from Jacket gard this morning wee have to al and stand gard one day work and work the next and had to fore some time and i dont have many lesure moments i cant write as i would if i had time our Capt is sick and has ben for some time our first liuten got sick and went home this is a bad country for water wee have to go a mild and a half some times and not good then it is swamp water mostly i have ben very harty so far and hope i will continue so the boys would like to see you come back but if you are not well you had betere stay at home till you get well for a sick man here is a bad situation if Madison comes home i want him to write to me for i never hav hurd from him yet and i would like to now how he likes soldern by this time send me direction and i will write to Lewis i havent mutch to write at present but exuse my bade spelling and i wuld try and dow better next time

Direct your leters to  
Pitsburg landing

Smith Dalrymple

## **6 [Lorenzo to Sophia August 24 1862 Helena Arkansas]**

Helena Ark.

Aug. 24 1862

Dear Mother it is with sorrow that I address you., on hearing of father wanting to git a bill of divorce which I think was agged up by the Clin., Woman and others you know my thoughts when so far from your assistance although can have an Ideah just think in your mind of the condition we are in knowing not what moment may be our last., When in defence of our country we are gaining our reputation abroad and father is doing all he can against us at home i am sorrow to hear it of him you cant help what he does., i dont blame you a tall you have allway done what i judge was right by him when at home and after he left home and i think he had to leave home when he left home., Mother

Your affectionate son  
Lorenzo Dalrymple

[Back of letter]

\$10.00

Mother. I send you 10. dollars in this letter and if you kneed it use it and if you should not kneed pay Alphis King five Dollars for me and keep the balance for your own use.,  
I send my best respects to you., and enquiring friends named Alphis King and his folks

I wrote you three letters and have not received any answer i sent five dollars in one of them write and let me know wether you got it or not as i am anxious to hear.,

I havent got any letters  
from up that way yet since  
i left home

L.D. Dalrymple  
Compy (E) 56 Regt OVJ  
Helena Ark

## **7 [Lorenzo to Sophia October 24 1862 Helena Arkansas]**

Helena Ark.  
Oct. 24 1862  
My Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 12th ins? and was glad to hear from you But very sorrow to hear that you was in trouble. for when you are in trouble it makes trouble for me you did not write who made your trouble. Although I heard who it was some time ago and wrote to you a bout it. if i was there to share with you it would not be so much on my mind. As times are in these United states there are no hopes of me to come home soon. So you will have to try and do the best you can with your sons absense. I dont think that I have a brother that will uphold father for abandering you and the family. If I have i should like to know him. And I think that I could show him where he was in the wrong. I am sorrow to hear of father acting the way he is he is gitting old and is very easy agged on by others And if I knew who they are I would blame them for it all. You know more about it than I do write and let me know Our Regiment has moved from the old camp out back in the woods Which I think is much healthyer place than where we were camped before. We have clear spring water to drink and to cook with. Also we have better vitals to eat than we had at first. Since we have been in this camp my diet has been toasted bread with butter on it and tea for drink, We have to buy our own butter and some times our own bread or eat crackers. I will give you the Names of the camps that I am in. Colby Grofs and my self We cook and eat together. Times are stiring here now. We are preparing for an attact which is expected hourly from the Reble forces at little Rock. Under the reble general Hindman. We are pretty well prepared for him. Our large siege guns are planted on the fort. And if the reble General puts off the attact much longer he had better never try out strength. I am some better than I have been here before. I hope these few lines may find you well and the rest of them.

Mother you Tell Christian to write he aint wrote me a letter since I left home. And you write as often as you can. I would like to hear from you oftener than I have. Father must be ashamed to write to me I aint had a letter from him since I left home. And I have wrote him several letters. No more at present Write soon and as often as it is your desire or oftener.

To Sophia Dalrymple Your Son Lorenzo

N.B. My Respects to you and enquiring friends

[On margin of letter] P.S. I received the postage Stamps and the herbs you sent to me. I send my best respects to you and the rest of them.

## **8A [Lorenzo to Sophia November 12 1862 Helena Arkansas]**

Helena Arkansas  
Nov 12th 1862

Dear Mother.,

I received your letter of the 28th sept., And it was read with the greatest of pleasure., i was well pleased to hear that you had plenty of things to do with and live on., Although i cant rest untill i hear how you come out with (L S G). C., for that is the most on my mind., i wrote him a letter few days ago and gave him a piece of my mind., about the way he is doing you let me know what he says about it if you please. And if you dont please let me know any how., i expect he will flutter like a duck in a puddle., We are camped back of Helena When we first moved in this camp there was woods all around us., And now it is nearly all laying on the ground., Leg bail for the rebels., then we can serve them they way the Rat was served., Our Regt the majority has built Winter quarters my mess has built a nice tabernicle Parlor hall bedroom & ketchen all in one room. Leike the paddies shanty., We built 12ft by 14 ft out of poplers split in two the is the popler trees here that i ever saw grow out of the earth, something else we have not a nice Chinney., it seems more like living now then it did when 13 of us staid in one of them little tents., there is six in our tabernicle., We have laid down our rules. Which i will tell you a few., No card playing., which will not No profane language is allowed. Although some has practiced it so believe we have the civilest mess in the Camps it almost attempts me to say Regt., You can tell Mr. gross for me that i send to him my heartiest thanks and best respects for the kindness that Colby Gross has shown toward me., And i will remember him as a friend., also his folks at home., We have been expecting an attack although it appears that the Rebels Rather keep their distance, We have not had and very cold weather here yet a few frosts. I have not had very good health since i have been here Although i keep up and a round shake every other day. I have got cured of the diarehae since I quit drinking the mississippi water Smith is well and hearty., I will close for this time.

Your Son Lorenzo

Lorenzo D. D.

Write soon,

N.B. i send my best respects to you and enquiring friends

## **8B [Lorenzo to sister Rosalia]**

My., Sister Rozilia.,

I write you a few lines as i think it is my duty at least my desire if i ever come home i dont want to be kept awake by the rats you have ketched the big rat so i will give you ten cents., and five cents a head for all you ketch after this. Now see if you cant make enough to buy you a new dress., When you ketch the other ones. You musent pull quite so hard as to pull them into., although it dont make much diference so you kill them

Lorenzo Dalrymple

One year to the day since I volunteered

Lorenzo Dalrymple

## **9 [Madison to Sophia May 5 1863 Annbruboro Tenn]**

Annbruboro Tenn

May 5th 1863

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that i can write you A few lines to let you know that i am well and in good health. i hope these few lines will find you in the same good Health at present. I received your letter the first of may and was glad to hear that you was all well., we are still quartered in Manfreesboro Tennessee. Wee have a nice place here., Major General Rosecrans is expecting another Battle here it is going to be a Hard one. Because we are well fortified here We have got no less than fifteen or twenty Big

Strong forts here i want you to tell me the prices od Groceries up there where you live such as Butter Eggs Sugar pies apples we haft to pay Duple price for every thing we Bye here Mother this is my Discharge from the 18th Ohio regiment infry. To the 4th U S Cavelry. I want you to keep this for me untill i come home., i will Be verry much oblige to you. Mother just soon as i Draw my pay i will Send you some money to git things to live on such as Butter meets Eggs ham i have got over one hundred Dollars coming to me., i will send it to you in letters ten to twenty Dollars in a letter i am a fraid to send much in one letter for fear of Roges finding it out., i send my love and best respects to you all., no more a Present.

Your affectionate Son  
Madison C Dalrymple

To- Mother Sophia Dalrymple  
Direct your letter to manfreesboro  
Tenn Company .L. 4th US Cav

### **10 [Madison to Sophia August 22 1863 Stevison Ala]**

stevison. Ala                      Aug 22th 1863

My Dear Mother:

It is with pleasure that i can write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and in good heart. And i hope these few lines will find you in the Same good health at present, i Received your good kind welcome letter and was glad to hear that you was all well. I am on duty to night at Major General Rosecrans head Quarters and i thought i would answer your kind letter that you wrote to me. We left winchester on the 17th day august Monday morning. At 4.O. clock for Stevison alabamma. We can see the rebels from maj genl Rosecrans head Quarters on the mountain below us a bout five miles if the rebels had parrert guns they would shoot in our Camp near our Quarters General Rosecrans is looking for a hard battles coming i sent my discharge home the twenty third day of April 1863. i w3ould like to know if you got it or not. iff you got it i wish you would let me know they is some mistake in my enlisten in the .. 4th U.S. Cavelry when ever i send after it i want you to send it to me i got a letter from my Brother Lewis he is well and good in heart he says he likes to be a Soldier., i think if he would be in a hard Battle. he would like to Be home with mother. How did you like the looks of my picture that i sent home to you. I will Bring my letter to a close So no more at present - i send my love and best Respects to you all at present

Remaining your Son

My Mother Sophia Dalrymple  
Direct yours to Stevison alabamma  
maj Gernl Rosecrans  
head Quarters  
army of the Cumberland

Madison C Dalrymple

### **11 [Madison to Sophia February 4 1864 Huntsville Alabama]**

Huntsville Alabama  
February 4th 1864

My Dear Mother

I am this evening in good health and i Sincerely hope you are all well and will live long to enjoy the Blessings of peace after this war is over for my part i am happy and contented and feel that i am performing a duty i sure my God my friends my country and generations yet unborn the fortunes of war are uncertain as well as life with us all our Regiment went on a skout the 8th day of January after the Rebs and they hante got back yet from the skout they left us at pnlaski tenn we are at Huntsville ala having good times while the Rest is out skouting mother i want you to tell me how you and your family is geting a long this winter. and how times is up where you are you must excuse me for not writing sooner. Postage stamps are hard to git without money. I have got enough stamps now to write fifteen letters we have plenty to eat and Drink. We have coffee crackers pork Beef Been Soup Sugar and some times tea. i am sorry that i couldent write to you sooner how is tamor Clingerl geting a long this winter with her son. Mother you can tell tamor that i am going to marry a Rich southern girl that has lots of money. Two big trunks full of gold and silver. You must excuse me for this bad writing. I send my Best Respects to you all at present

Your affectionate  
Son Madison C Dalrymple  
Sofia Dalrymple

Direct your letter to  
Huntsville alabama  
L.. Co.. 4th U S Cav  
In care of Captain Bowman

## **12 [Madison to Sophia February 25 1864 Huntsville Alabama]**

Huntsville Alabama  
February 25th 1864

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that i can write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and in Good Health. and i hope these few lines will find you in the same good Health at present.. our Regiment is not back yet But i guess they will be before long. I dont care if they stay down in miss all summer. He is my likeness i thought i would send it to you.. i am standing up a parade rest. mother. does this picture look any ways like M c Dalrymple this is your son Madison all most twenty three years old. i dont look like i did when i left Home. My Co and regiment is Down at Jackson Miss they say they have good times.

I will close so No more at present i send my love and Best Respects to you all at present

Your affectionate son  
Madison C Dalrymple  
Sophia Dalrymple

Direct your letter to  
Huntsville ala  
G Co 4th U S Cavelry

## **13 [Madison to Sophia June 30 1864 Columbia Tennessee]**

Columbia Tenn  
June 30th 1864



Dear Mother

it is with pleasure that i can write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and in good health. this cool morning. i hope these few lines will find you in the same good health at present.- Mother. i received a letter from you the twenty Eight day of april /64 when i got your letter they was marching orders right away to go to the front. So i hadent time to answer your letter. you must excuse me this time at present our regiment was in a fight at kingston georgia. Four men got killed and eight wounded. Rebels loss was twenty five killed and fifteen wounded. Some of our men in the seventh Pa and fourth Michigan cavelry got killed and wounded. I am back here two miles this side of Columbia tennisee at duck river bridge. they is thirty two back here with me guarding the bridge. we was dismounted and sent back to the rear to guard bridges. our regiment has been in three fights sence i left then mother. how is Tamor giting a long this summer. I want you to tell me in your letter how Dock Ransom is geting this summer. When i left home he was talking a bout geting married. i want to know if he is married or not.- we have plenty to eat and drink we can go out in the country and get milk and Butter and eggs. we live now like pet pigs at home.- Milk is ten cents a quart. Butter thirty cents a pound. eggs twenty cents a dozen.- blackberries is ripe and the bushes is loaded full. Harvest commenced the fifteenth day of June. Corn is three to four foot high it is green and nice. Mother how is your crops growing this summer i would like to know. Our regiment is going to be sent back to recruit after this raid is over maby sooner.- we will be sent to some big city pittsburg Pa or Cincinnati ohio or Saint louis Missouri ---- some big Barracks. this is an order from General Thomas commanding 14th army corps. when our regiment comes from the front we will go to one of these citys. - then i will git a furlough and come home and see you.- once more i will close my letter it is geting hot.- no more at present. i send my love and best respects to you all. At present.

Your affectionate Son  
Madison C Dalrymple

Sophia Dalrymple  
Direct your letter to Columbia Tenn  
Duck River Bridge

Write me a long letter and tell me the news

## **14 [Madison to Sophia July 28 1864 Columbia Tenn]**

Columbia Tenn  
July 28 1864

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that i can write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and in good health and i hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. Mother received a letter from you the last day of May and i hadent time Enough to answer your letter. our Regiment and Division was ordered to leave for the front right a way just soon as we could Sadle up our horses you must excuse me this time Mother. i answered your letter when i was at duck river bridge that was June 18th 64 it is past one month and i thought i would write a gain. I was out to the forest while i was down in georgia we dunn some hard fighting. but now i am back to the rear having good times me and my bunkey George W. House went out in the country last night to get some potatos and butter and milk. we took our guns a long with us. We got ....[rest is missing]

**15 [Madison to Sophia September 4 1864 Atlanta Ga.]**

Sept 4th 1864  
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that i can write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and in good health and hope these few lines will find you Enjoying the same good blessing at this Present time mother. i received your kind welcome letter and was glad to hear that you was all well.- our Detachment left Columbia Tennisee and went to the regiment, our regiment had a hard fight a bout twenty five miles below atlanta georgia, they was two men killed and two wounded. My Bunkey got killed his name was james hashberger, he was the best fellow in our company.- our Regiment has good times now down here in georgia we have taken atlanta and old Shermon and major General thomas is running old general Hood down through Georgia Mother you say you have got enough wheat and corn to last you till November 28th 1865- Colonel Mitty commanding our Brigade. He has gone to washington city to git our Brigade back to Cincinnati Ohio to recent i think he will git us back. If he does i will git a furlough and come home and see you all this picture I send you is my Bunkey now.- the man i sleep with.- i send my Brother portrait to keep for me.- what Does tamor clinger think a bout me sence I got married i hante got nothing of importance to write this time.- Mother i wish they would Draft some of the old Democrats is try to raise a rebellion up there where you live --- it is getting dark i will have to come to a close no more at present your

Affectionate Son  
Madison C Dalrymple

**16 [Lorenzo to Sophia September 12 1864 Anchor Press New Orleans La]**

Anchor Press New Orleans La  
Sept 12th 1864

My Dear Mother

I received your of 28th Aug and was glad to hear from you. I had almost give up hearing from you. I have sent you two papers. Which you will receive ere this comes to hand also our Company memorials (3) three., i will write before long and let you know what to do with two of their (1) one i want you to keep and get it framed and glass put over it, i will send you the money., My duty has been very easy for some time past although i have been all the time at it, My duty was keeping Register of Prisoners Calling roll every morning and sending in my report. And making details. You must excuse me for not writing more this time for i am on suspense wanting to draw some orders. And i dont know what moment they will call on me to do it. Yours with the highest gratitude together with that of my country., my best wishes for your welfare and happiness.,

Your affectionate son  
Lorenzo D Dalrymple

**17 [Lorenzo to Sophia February 20, 1865]**

Hligers La  
February 20th 1865

Dear Mother,

I am in receipts of your letter of January 20th wherein, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Miss Bings photo. I haven't received the letter you spoke of being on the way to me from

christian, or yet. I will send to you Lew's last letter to me. I have not heard from Madison since the battle at (Nashville) Mother ! you know not the deep sympathy. I have for you and my Brother. And sisters. Though it was great consolation for me to hear that the children were going to school. and you send them all you can. But I suppose it has been so cold you couldn't send them. p bus part of the time., concerning our great struggle! I think the Dawn of peace begins to glimmer; and it will soon burst out into a Dazling light, and Joyous, the time will be ikd the Christian's song! Oh, happy day; when Jesus washed my sins away. There is about (40,000) fourty thousand troops here now organizing into corps D'armee where to go no one knows, but the commanding Genl., Blind unquestioning acquaintance is the law of the army. I am well and hope these few lines will find you well. You have my best wishes

your son. L. D. Dalrymple

Enclosed you will find A letter from Delia. I wrote to you a few days ago.

Lorenzo

## **18 [Lorenzo to Sophia October 26 1865 Greenville La]**

Sedgwick Hospital

Near Greenville La Oct 26th /,65

My Dear Mother,

I promised in my last to let you know more about (Madison)  
On the 23rd day of this month i wrote A note to Company 'L' 4 .Y1. Cavalry directed to my Brother individually i received verbal answer as i wrote you. i not being satisfied wrote on the (25th inet) (yesterday) to the first Sergeant of Com "L" 4th us Cav and received the following answer which you will find by opening this sheet

Dear Mother  
I remain as ever  
Your affectionate son  
Lorenzo Dalrymple

Enclosed you will find a letter from lew to and acknowledge the receipt of these

Sergt.

Your Brother Madison was taken prisoner, or killed in action about 5 miles from pulaski Tenn. On the road leading to Rogersville Ala. he was dropped from the rolls of this company as missing in action, and as nothing has ever been heard from him official, or otherwise, we suppose him dead; but, can not forward his final papers to Washington.

Resp'ly  
Thos. W. Giles  
First Sergt Com 'L'  
4th U. S. Cavalry

P.S.

I copied this from the sergt. Note to and i will keep his note.

L. D. D.  
Ans. Soon.



Our Union Defenders.

Nov. 20. 1861

Dear mother i take my pen  
in hand to inform you that  
i am well, all but a bad cold  
and i hope these few lines  
will find you well and all  
the rest of them i left  
addison the morning that  
i started from home for Portsmouth  
and got there the next night, and  
we marched up to the camp, and  
the next day i found out what a  
Soldiers life was, some time he dont  
git enough to eat and other times git  
more than two men can eat, and then  
aint all they will learn how to stand  
what<sup>ever</sup> they can git their hands on if  
convenient, some times we git the best  
quality <sup>to eat</sup> and other times we git the poorest  
quality. Some times we git meat that  
will crall off the table as fast as we can  
put it on the table. Some times we git



The best kind of beef and other times we  
git bones to know like dogs, we git good bakers  
bread some times and other times we git  
Sea crackers and they are crackers for  
certain when we cant bite them we  
take and boil them to make them  
tough and then we tare them to  
pieces and make pills <sup>what then</sup> of them and swallow  
them, and when we sleep we roll up in  
a blanket like an indian with some  
straw to lay on, we had our Election  
to day and Elected John Evans Capt  
and i hope we may have better times  
hereafter which i think we will. if  
we dont we will march up to head  
quarters and if we dont ar letters then  
we will recede and go home i give you  
a history and made it as bad as i could to  
not tell to bigalia, it is huty near right  
what i tell you, as for our clothes they  
are pretty good such as they are,  
I think i will come home in side three  
years if nothing happens the ladies of



Portsmouth give each one of us a pocket  
coshen and a fine cone the coshen  
is to carry our needles and our thread  
and pins &c. if I should not live  
through this war I want you to collect  
my wages, and give christen the land  
if he is a good boy and stays at home  
and keep the balance for your self  
I want you to take care of —

Madison's letters he sent to me  
if you please, and if Madison dont  
git back he told me in one of his  
letters to Collect his wages, and if  
he dont git back you and father  
can collect all this and buy you a home  
that is if father comes home ~~and~~  
this is all at present

Send my best respects to you  
all.


 LPS  
 alymple



and mistakes.  
 I want my Brother  
 Christmas to write  
 me a few lines  
 so I can see  
 how good he  
 can write.  
 I send my best  
 respects to you and I hope these few  
 all and your friends will find you  
 for more at  
 present to my  
 dear mother.  
 Sophia I am in  
 to your son at  
 direct your letter so I was very glad to  
 Elizabeth Town. I hear that you was all  
 Co B 18 regt 100th  
 Ohio volunteers  
 present we left  
 Elizabeth Town about  
 two week ago and

One Flag, One Country.

Date : : : December 21 1861



Camp Bakin  
 Bakin Creek  
 Dear mother  
 I take my  
 pen in hand  
 to inform you  
 that I am  
 well at present  
 and I hope these few  
 lines will find you  
 enjoying the same  
 blessing. I received  
 your letter this morning  
 before day light it was  
 a glorious good letter  
 I was very glad to  
 hear that you was all  
 well and doing well at  
 present we left  
 Elizabeth Town about  
 two week ago and



One Fifth One Germany.  
Come down to Camp Washington  
and stayed a bout a Week. and then  
we come down to Camp Sabine. here  
we are now we dont calculate to  
leave here till further orders are given.  
General Buehnners force is a lot  
ten miles from us. some of our  
men are in the off the creek area  
and take the papers in our tent we pay 58  
for forty papers. it is very cold down  
here, it is colder than i thought it was  
down here in kentucky. i am going  
to bye me a colts revolver to defend  
my self in this furious war.  
how is Alexander Scott and his  
wife is getting on. long since  
i left home i would like to  
see i send my best respects to Mr  
Scott and his wife. it was so  
cold to day i couldnt rite this  
letter No better. Yours must  
Excuse me for not had writing.



they break guard and  
go home and then the  
Col has to sent somebody  
after them and the  
cost and trouble of getting  
them comes out their  
wages and it would be  
a benefit for the boys  
if they was in an  
enemys Country they  
wouldnt lose their  
wages nor perge their  
oath breaking. Guard  
Answer my letter when  
you can get a opportunity  
this is all at present  
i send my best respects  
to you. Lorenzo Sabropo

One Flag, One Country.



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Camp Morrow  
Dec. 28. 1861

Dear Mother  
it is with  
pleasure i  
inform you  
that i am  
well and hope

these few lines may find  
you the same. I got  
down here in camp the  
next day after i started  
from home and lost my  
overcoat on my way down  
here. i hope somebody  
stole it on the boat and i  
was going to get another  
one and Lieutenant rife.



Told me when i wanted  
an overcoat i might have  
his and then i can save  
my money if i draw one  
from the commissary i will  
have to pay for it and  
i dont want to git one  
untill after the first  
payment, and then it  
will come out of my next  
two months wages, we  
have got our guns and the  
next will be our pay  
Capt Haneagar says we  
will git our pay about  
next tuesday you  
will hear when we git  
our pay you will

See it in the papers  
that the 66 Reg has got  
their pay and mustered  
in the United States  
Service and i think as  
soon as we are mustered  
in the service of the United  
States ~~Service~~ we will  
be ordered a way from here  
into Ky. or Va. and join  
some brigade or be put  
to guard some town  
or rather and i will be  
glad to leave here for  
we have been here so long  
that it seems lonesome  
and some of the boys are  
getting so lonesome that



4A [Lorenzo to Sophia February 5 1862 Camp Morrow Portsmouth OH]

4B [Lorenzo to Lewis February 5 1862]

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Camp Morrow Feb. 5. 1862

Dear Brother

You say you are out of business and want to volunteer you better wait a while untill i can come home than you can come down with me and if i cant get to come home i will let you know but i think i can get a furlow soon as i am well enough, i think likely we will get our pay this week or next i wish we would for i am out of money, this is all i present i send my best respects to you and all the rest of them

Lewis Salysma, Jr. Salysma

Camp Morrow Feb. 5. 1862

My Dear Mother

It is with much pleasure i inform you that i am well but very week i received your letter this morning and was glad to hear that you was all well and hope those few lines will find you the same you said you hadent heard from maddison, I wrote him two letters and havent received no answer yet, the last letter he wrote to me was in Dec i am sorrow to hear that father wants to get a bill or over try to, he is getting putty in years



and he could live better  
and with more pleasure to  
find him a good home some  
where or rather and where  
he would be well used. at  
he likes to take his bitters  
which does him no harm  
but you are so much against  
having it a bout. it would  
hardly be right for him to  
use it at home. he wants  
to come home out and a while  
to see his children, and i say  
while he is at home he must  
not impose upon good nature  
for some times that makes  
around our Regiment has  
moved their quarters out  
of a Swamp where the mud  
and water was so deep  
to wade and so shallow  
to swim.

about a mile up the turnpike  
on a more higher and dryer  
place where it is more  
pleasant and nicer position  
we can see all over portsmouth  
and where we were before it like  
being in the middle of the  
ocean we could just look up  
and see the sky look down  
and see mud and water.  
the reason why we could not  
see out there was a high  
board fence all round us  
i don't think i can say any  
more at present. So you  
receive these few lines with  
pleasure. I send my  
best respects to you.

Most truly your  
affectionate son  
Leornus Dalgryple





## Hail, Columbia! Happy Land!

Hail, Columbia! happy land! hail, ye heroes! heaven-born band!  
 Who fought and bled in Freedom's cause,  
 Who fought and bled in Freedom's cause,  
 And when the storm of war was gone enjoyed the peace your valor won,  
 Let independence be our boast, ever mindful what it cost,  
 Ever grateful for the prize, let its altar reach the skies.

### CHORUS.

Firm united let us be, rallying round our liberty!  
 As a band of brothers joined, peace and safety we shall find.

Immortal patriots, rise once more; defend your rights, defend your shore;  
 Let no rude foe, with impious hand,  
 Let no rude foe, with impious hand,  
 Invade the shrine where sacred lies, of toil and blood the well-earned prize.  
 While offering peace sincere and just, in heaven we place a manly trust,  
 That truth and justice will prevail and every scheme of bondage fail.

Firm united let us be, &c.

Sound, sound the trump of fame! let Washington's great name  
 Ring through the world with loud applause,  
 Ring through the world with loud applause,  
 Let every clime to Freedom dear listen with a joyful ear.  
 With equal skill and god-like power be govern'd in the fearful hour  
 Of horrid war! or guides, with ease, the happier times of honest peace.

Firm united let us be, &c.

Behold the chief who now commands, again to serve his country, stand—  
 The rock on which the storm will beat,  
 The rock on which the storm will beat;  
 But, armed in virtue firm and true, his hopes are fix'd on heaven and you.  
 When hope was sinking in dismay, and glooms obscured Columbia's day,  
 His steady mind, from changes free, resolved on death or liberty.

Firm united let us be, &c.

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Barryman  
 May 28th 1862

My Dear Cousin

I am well at present and  
 hope these few lines may  
 find you the same I received  
 your letter the 28th and was  
 glad to hear from you it  
 has been so long a time  
 since i had heard from you  
 that i did not now whether  
 you was dead or alive  
 your company is all well  
 i believe we have moved  
 on towards Corinth and  
 building breast works every  
 day i just come off from  
 picket guard this morning  
 we have to stand stand  
 guard one day work and work  
 the next and have had to  
 fore some time and I

don't have many leisure  
moments i can't write as  
i would if i had time  
our Capt is sick and has been  
for some time our first Lieutenant  
got sick and went home

This is a bad country for  
water we have to go a  
mile and a half some times  
and not good then it is  
swamp water mostly i  
have been very busy so far  
and hope i will continue so  
the boys would like to see  
you come back but if

you are not well you had  
better stay at home till you  
get well for a sick man  
here is in a bad situation  
if madison comes home  
i want him to write  
to me for i never hav

heard from him yet and  
i would like to now how  
he likes soldern by this  
time send me the direction

and i will write to Lewis

i haven't much to

write at present but

excuse my bad spelling

and i will try and do  
better next time

Direct your letters to  
Pittsburg Landing

Smith Dabrymple



Helena Ark Aug 24 /62

Dear mother It is with sorrow  
that I address you, on hearing of father  
wanting to get a bill of divorce which  
I think he was agged up by the Clin. woman  
and others you know not my thoughts  
when so far from your assistance although  
you can have an Idea just think in  
your own mind of the condition we are  
in knowing not what moment may be our  
last, When in defence of our country  
we are gaining our reputation abroad and  
father doing all he can against us at home  
O how sorrow to hear it of him you cant  
help what he does, I dont blame you a tall  
you have always done what I judge was right  
by him when at home and after he left home  
and I think he had to leave when  
he left home, Mother

your affectionate  
son  
Dahymper



\$10.00.

\$10.00.  
Mother, I send  
you 10. Dollars in  
this Letter and  
if you need it  
use it and if you  
should not need it  
pay Ophie Ring  
five Dollars for me  
and keep the balance  
for yourself. Write  
me soon and my best  
love.

for your kind  
I send my best  
respects to you, &  
enquiring friends

for as he  
Alphonse and  
his father

Write soon

I wrote to you three  
letters and have not  
received any answer  
I sent five Dollars  
in one of them  
Write and let me  
know whether you  
got it or not as  
I am anxious to  
hear of it

L. D. Dalgrymple  
 Comp. 18156 Reg. 7.018  
 Thomas. Ark

i haven't got any  
letter <sup>from</sup> up  
that way yet,  
since I left home



Helena Ark.,

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1862.

My Dear Mother...

I received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst and was glad to hear from you. But very sorrow to hear that you was in trouble. for when you are in trouble it makes trouble for me. you did not write who made your trouble. Although I heard who it was some time ago and wrote to you about it if I was there to share with you it would not be so much on any mind. At times are in these United States there are no hopes of me to come home soon. So you will have to try and do the best you can with your sons absence.

I dont think that I have a brother that will uphold father for slandering you and the family. if I have I should like to know him. And I think that I could show him where he was in the wrong. I am sorrow to hear of father acting the way he is he is getting old and is very easy agged on by others. And if I knew who they are I would blame them for it all. you know more about it than I do write and let me know



Dr. G. I received the postage stamps and the herbs you sent - to  
me. I send my best respects for you and the  
rest of them.

Our Regt. has moved from the old  
camp out back in the woods. Which  
I think is much healthier place than  
where we were camped before. We have  
clear spring water to drink and to  
cook with. Also we have better victuals  
to eat than we had at first. Since  
we have been in this camp my diet  
has been toasted bread with butter on it  
and tea for drink. We have to buy our  
own butter and some times our own  
bread or eat crackers. I will give you  
the names of the men that I am  
in, Colby, Groff, Robert Huston  
Oliver Groff, and myself  
We cook and eat together.

Times are stirring here now. We are  
preparing for an attack which is  
expected hourly from the Rebel  
forces at Little Rock. Under the  
Rebel General (Hindman.) We are  
pretty well prepared for him. Our  
large Siege guns are planted on  
the fort. And if the Rebel General  
puts off the attack much longer  
he had better never try our strength.  
I am some better than I have been  
here before. I hope these few lines may  
find you well, and the rest of them



Mother, you Tell Christian to write  
he aint wrote me a letter, since  
I left home, And you write  
as often as you can, I would  
like to hear from you oftener  
than I have, Father must be  
ashamed to write to me I aint  
had a letter from him since  
I left home, And I have wrote  
him severl letters,, No more at  
present Write soon and as often  
as it is your desire or oftener

to Sophia, I am your Son, Lorenzo

N.B. My Respects to you  
and enquiring friends,

L. D. Dalrymple





8A [Lorenzo to Sophia November 12 1862 Helena Arkansas]

8B [Lorenzo to sister Rosalia]

Helena Arkansas

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Mother,

I received your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., And it was read with the greatest of pleasure., I was well pleased to hear that you had plenty of things to do with and live on., Although I cant rest untill I hear how you come out with G., for that is the most on my mind., I wrote him a letter few days ago, and gave him a piece of my mind., About the way he is doing you let me know what he says about it if you please. And if you dont please let me know any how., I expect he will flutter like a duck in a puddle.,

We are camped back of Helena. When we first moved in this camp there was woods all round us., And now it is nearly all laying on the ground., I beg bail for the rebels., then we can serve them the way the Rat was served., Our Reg<sup>t</sup> the majority has built a winter quarters, my comp<sup>y</sup> has built a nice Tabernacle



Parlor hall bedroom & kitchen all in one  
room. Like the paddies shanty, we built  
12 ft. by 14 ft. out of poplars split in two  
they is the nicest poplar trees here that  
I ever see grow out of the earth, something else  
we have got a nice brick Chimney, It seems  
more like living now than it did when  
B of our stand in one of them little  
tenets, there is six in our tabernacle.)  
We have laid down our rules, which I will tell  
you a few, No card playing, which will not  
No profane language is allowed, although  
some has practiced it so long that it is  
hard for them to quit it. But for all that  
I believe we have the civilist camp in the temple  
it almost attempts me to say Right.)  
You can tell Mr. Gross for me that I send to  
him my heartiest thanks and best respects  
for the kindness that Colby Eng has shown  
toward me, you I will remember him as  
a friend, also his folks at home.)  
We have been expecting an attack although  
it appears that the Rebels rather keep  
their distance, We have not had any very  
cold weather here yet a few frosts.  
I have not had very good health since  
I have been here although I keep up and  
a round shake every other day.



I have got cured of the diarrhoea since  
I quit drinking the mississippi water,  
Smith is well and hearty,

I will close for this time,

Write soon,

Your Son, Lorenzo

Lorenzo D. Dalrymple

A.B. I send my best respects to you and  
enquiring friends,

My Sister, Rozalia,

~~Chas. D. Dalrymple~~

I write you a few lines as I think  
it my duty at least my desire if I  
ever come home I don't want to  
be kept awake by the rats you  
have ketch'd the big rat so I will give  
you ten cents, and five cents a head  
for all you ketch after this, now see  
if you cant make enough to buy you  
a new dress, When you ketch the other  
ones, you musent pull quite so hard  
as to pull them in, although it dont  
make much diference so you kill them

Lorenzo Dalrymple



Annbruboro Tenn May 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that I can write  
 you a few lines to let you know  
 that I am well and in good health.  
 I hope these few lines will find you  
 in the same good health at present.  
 I received your letter the first day of  
 May and I was glad to hear that you  
 was all well. We are still quartered in  
 Annbruboro. We have a nice  
 place here. Major General Rosecrans  
 is expecting another battle here before  
 many days longer when ever there is  
 a battle here it is going to be a hard  
 one. Because we are well fortified here  
 we have got no less than fifteen  
 or twenty big strong forts here of  
 I want you to tell me the prices  
 of Groceries up where you live such  
 as Butter Eggs Sugar pins apples  
 we have to pay double prices for  
 every thing we buy here.



Mother this is my Discharge  
from the 18<sup>th</sup> Ohio Regiment  
enjoy. to the 14<sup>th</sup> W of Cavalry.  
i want you to keep this for me  
untill i come home. i will  
be verry much Oblige to you.  
Mother first soon as i draw  
my Pay i will send you some  
money to get things to live on  
such as Butter meat Eggs &c.  
i have got over one hundred Dollars  
coming to me. i will send it  
to you in letters ten to twenty  
Dollars in a letter. i am  
afeard to send much in one  
letter for fear of Rogers finding  
it out. i send my love and  
Best Respects to you all. no more  
at Present. Your affectionate Son

Madison C Dalrymple  
To Mother Sophia Dalrymple

Direct your letter to me Fredericka Fenn  
Company 4<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry



HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,

Stevison, Ala. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

My Dear Mother:

It is with pleasure that I can write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and in good heart, and I hope these few lines will find you in the same good health at present. I received your good kind welcome letter and was glad to hear that you was all well. I am on duty to night at Major General Rosecrans head Quarters and I thought I would answer your kind letter that you wrote me. We left Winchester on the 17<sup>th</sup> day August Monday morning at 4 o'clock for Stevison, Alabama. We can see the rebels from Maj Genl Rosecrans head Quarters on the mountain below us a bout five miles if the rebels had parret Guns they would shoot shells in our Camp near our Quarters. General Rosecrans is looking for a hard Battle to be fought within four or eight days if the general dees this hard Battle is coming.



HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND  
22 Feb. 1863  
I sent my Discharge home the twenty third  
day of April 1863, I would like to know  
if you got it or not, iff you have got it  
I wish you would let me know  
there is some mistake in my enlistment in  
the 4th W. I. Cavalry, when ever I send  
after it I want you to send it to me  
I got a letter from my Brother Lewis  
he is well and in good heart he says  
he likes to be a Soldier & I think if he  
would be in a hard Battle, he would  
like to be home with mother, how  
did you like the looks of my picture  
that I sent home to you I will bring  
my letter to a close so no more at  
present - I send my love and best  
Respects to you all at present

Remainning your Son

Madison C Dalrymple

My Mother Sophia Dalrymple

Direct yours to Steverson Alabama  
say Genl Rosecrans  
head of the  
army of the Cumberland



© R. C. Daley

Huntsville Alabama  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Mother

I am this evening in good  
health and sincerely hope  
you are all well and will  
live long to enjoy the  
blessings of peace after  
this war is over for my  
part I am happy and  
contented and feel that I  
am performing a duty I  
owe my God my friends  
my Country and generations  
yet unborn the fortunes  
of war are uncertain as  
well as life with us all  
our Regiment went on  
a Skout the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
January after the Rebs  
and they have got back

yet from the Spout they  
left us at pulaski Tenn  
we are at Huntsville ala  
having good times while  
the best is out Skouting  
Mother i want you to tell  
me how you and your  
family is getting a long  
this winter and how times  
is up where you are  
you must excuse me for  
not writing sooner. postage  
stamps are hard to get  
without money. i have  
got enough stamps now  
to write fifteen letters  
we have plenty to eat and  
drink. we have coffee crackers  
pork Beef Bean Soup Sugar  
and some times tea.  
i am sorry that i couldnt  
write to you sooner  
how is Samor Clinger

getting a long this winter  
with her son. mother  
you can tell Samor  
that i am going to  
marry a rich southern  
girl that has lots of  
money. two big trunks  
full of gold and  
silver. you must  
excuse me for this bad  
writing. i send my  
best respects to you all  
at present

your affectionate  
son Madison Calrymple  
Sophia Calrymple

Direct your letter to  
Huntsville Alabama  
Co. 4th U S Cav  
in care of Captain  
Bowman



Huntsville Alabama  
February.. 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother

it is with pleasure that i can  
write you a few lines to let  
you know that i am well  
and in Good Health. and  
i hope these few lines will  
find you in the same  
Good Health at present.  
our Regiment has not got  
back yet but i guess  
they will before long. i  
dont care if they stay  
down in miss all this  
summer. he is my likeness  
i thought i would send  
it to you. i am standing  
up at parade rest.  
Mother. does this picture look  
anyways like M Calrymple

this is your son Madison  
all most twenty three years  
old. i dont look like i did  
when i left Home. My  
Co. and Regiment is  
down at Jackson Miss  
they say they have  
good times.

i will close  
so no more at present  
i send my love and  
best respects to you  
all at present

Your affectionate son  
Madison C Dalrymple  
Sophia Dalrymple

Direct your letter  
to Huntsville ala  
G Co 4<sup>th</sup> h S Cavalry



fifteen wounded. Some of our men in the seventh Pa and fourth Michigan Cavalry got killed and wounded.

I am back here two miles this side of Columbia Tennessee. At each river bridge, they is thirty two back here with me guarding the bridge. we was dismounted and sent back to the rear to guard bridges. our regiment has been in three fights since I left them Mother. how is Sam getting a long this summer. I want you to tell me in your letter how Dock Ransom is getting this summer. when I left

home he was talking a bout getting married. I want to know if he is married or not. we have plenty to eat and drink we can go out in the country and get milk and Butter and Eggs. we live now like pet pigs at home. milk is ten cents a quart. butter thirty cents a pound. Eggs twenty cents a dozen. blackberries is ripe and the bushes is loaded full. harvest commenced the fifteenth day of June. corn is three to four foot high it is green and nice. Mother how is your crops growing this summer I would like to know. our regiment is going to be sent back to recruit after this raid is over maybe sooner. we will be sent to some big city pittsburgh Pa.



or Cincinnati Ohio or Saint  
Louis Missouri some  
big Barracks this is an  
order from Major General  
Thomas commanding 14th  
army Corps. when our Regiment  
comes from the front we  
will go to one of these  
cities then I will git a  
furlough and come home  
and see you. once more  
I will close

my letter it is getting hot.  
So no more at present.

I send my love and best  
respects to you all. at present.

Your affectionate Son.

Madison C Dalrymple

Sophia Dalrymple

Direct your letter to

Columbia Tenn

Duck River Bridge

Columbia Tenn  
June 30th 1864.

Dear Mother

it is

with pleasure that I can write you  
a few lines to let you know that  
I am well and in good health.  
this cool morning. I hope these few  
lines will find you in the same  
good health at present. Mother.

I received a letter from you the  
twenty eight day of April 1864  
when I got your letter they was  
marching orders. right a way to go  
to the front. so I hadnt time  
to answer your letter. you must  
excuse me this time at present  
our Regiment was in a fight at  
Kingston Georgia. four men got  
killed and eight wounded. rebels  
loss was twenty five killed and



Columbia Tenn

July 28th 1864.

Dear Mother,

It is with pleasure  
 that I can write you a few  
 lines to let you know  
 that I am well and in  
 good health, and I hope  
 these few lines will find  
 you enjoying the same  
 good blessing. Mother I  
 received a letter from you  
 the last day of May, and  
 I had not time enough to  
 answer your letter, our

Regiment and Division  
 was ordered to leave for  
 the front right away  
 and I on as we could  
 saddle up our horses  
 you must excuse me this

Dear Mother, I answered  
your letter when I was  
at duck river bridge  
that was June 18<sup>th</sup> 64.  
It is past one month  
and I thought I would  
write a gain. I was out  
to the front while I was  
down in Georgia we done  
some hard fighting, but  
now I am back to the  
rear having good times  
me and my bunkey  
George W. House went  
out in the country  
last night to get some  
potatoes and butter and  
milk. we took our guns  
a long with us. we got



I have got nothing  
of importance to write  
this time. - Mother  
I wish they would  
draft some of the  
old Democrats is  
trying to raise a  
Rebellion up there  
where you live -  
it is getting dark I will  
have to come to a  
close no more at  
present your  
affectionate son  
Wm C. Dalrymple

Direct yours  
to Atlanta Ga  
Camp 4th St. Cabell's

Sept 4th 1864.  
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Mother

It is with pleasure that I  
can write you a few lines  
to let you know that I  
am well and in good  
health, and I hope  
these few lines will find  
you enjoying the  
same good blessing  
at this present time.  
Mother, I received your  
kind welcome letter  
and was glad to hear  
that you were all well.  
Our detachment left  
Columbia, Tennessee  
and went to the  
Regiment, our regiment  
had a hard fight about



twenty five miles below  
atlanta georgia they was  
two men killed and  
two wounded. my  
Bunkie got killed  
his name was Emmer  
Haskberger. he was the  
best fellow. in our  
company our Regiment  
has good times now  
down here in georgia  
we have taken atlanta  
and old Sherman and  
Major General Thomas  
is running old general  
Hood down through  
georgia now I have  
got one year and  
two months and  
twenty four days. Mother  
you say you have  
got enough wheat  
and corn to last.

you till next harvest  
I cant come home  
till November 28<sup>th</sup> 1865.  
Colonel Mitty  
Commanding our  
Brigade. he has gone  
to Washington City  
to get our Brigad  
back to Cincinnati  
Ohio to recruit I  
think he will get  
us back. if he does  
I will get a furlough  
and come home  
and see you all  
this picture I send  
you is my Bunkie  
now. the man I sleep  
with. I send my Brother  
Portrait to keep for  
me. what does Samod  
Clinger think about  
me since I got married



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My Dear Mother I received yours of 28<sup>th</sup> Aug and was glad to hear from you. I had almost give up hearing from you. I have sent you two papers. which you will receive ere this comes to hand. also our Company memorial (3) three. I will write before long and let you know what to do with two of them. Wore I want you to keep and get it framed and I glad put over it. I will send you the money. My duty has been very easy for some time past although I have been all the time at it. My duty was keeping Register of Prisoners. Calling roll every morning and sending in my report. and making Details. you must excuse me for not writing more this time for I am in suspense waiting to draw of \$<sup>100</sup> orders. and I don't know what moment they will call on me to do it. Yours with the highest gratitude together with that of my Country. My best wishes for your welfare and happiness.

your affectionate Son  
S. D. Dabryple

Again La  
 Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 65  
 Dear Mother,  
 I am in receipt of  
 your letter of January 20<sup>th</sup>  
 wherein I have the honor to acknowl-  
 edge the receipt of Miss Bingle's photo.  
 I haven't received the letter you spoke  
 of passing on the way to me  
 from Christian as yet. I will  
 send to you Lewis' last letter  
 to me. I have not heard from  
 Madison since the battle at  
 Nashville. Mother! you know  
 not the deep sympathy I have  
 for you and my Brother and  
 Sisters. Though it was  
 great consolation for me to  
 hear that the children were going  
 to school. and you send them  
 all you can.



But I suppose it has been  
so cold you couldn't send  
them, p but part of the time,

Concerning our great struggle  
I think the dawn of peace  
begins to glimmer: and it  
will soon burst out into  
A Dazzling light, and  
Joyous, the time will be.

Like to the Christian's song:  
Oh, happy day; when Jesus  
washed my sins away.

There is about (40,000)  
forty thousand troops here  
now organizing into  
corps & armed, where to go  
no one knows, but the commanding  
Genl.) Blind unquestioning  
acquaintance is the law of  
the army. I am well, and  
hope these few lines will find  
you well. You have my best wishes.  
Yours son, S. D. Dabrymple

Enclosed you will find A letter from  
Selia. I wrote to you few days  
ago. Wren

Sedgwick Hospital.  
Near Greenville La Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

My Dear Mother,

I promised in my last to let you know more about (Madison) After 23<sup>rd</sup> day of this month - I wrote a note to Company 'E' 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Cavalry - directed to my Brother individually. I received <sup>verbal</sup> answer as I wrote you. Not being satisfied - wrote on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst (yesterday) to the first Sergeant of Co 'E' 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cav. and received the following answer which you will find by opening the sheet -

Dear Brother -

I remain as ever  
Your affectionate son,  
L. C. Dabrympf.

Enclosed you will find a letter from me to and acknowledge the receipt of



Sergt.

Your Brother Madison  
was taken prisoner, or killed  
in action about 15 miles  
from Pulaski Tenn. on the  
road leading to Rogersville Ala.  
he was dropped from the Rolls  
of this Company as missing in  
action, and as nothing has  
been heard from him Officially  
or otherwise, we suppose him  
dead; but, can not forward  
his final papers to Washington.

Respectfully

Chas. W. Giles,

First Sergt. Co. 'E'  
4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Cavalry.

P.S.

I copied this from the Sergt's  
note to me. I will keep his note.

S. D. D.

Over Land.