Birds Point Mo

Dear brother Jan the 25 1862

I now seate my self for the purpose of writing you a few lines two let you know of my wellfare I am quite well and hearty Well Clark I was still fatning on soldiering I now weigh 150 pounds it is rather strang that none will fatten on any thing that they dont like Well Clark we drawed new uniforms yesterday our caps and coats are a deep dark blue and our pants are a pale blue I havent nothing of importance two write two you now the boys had quite a rough time when they went out into kentucky it was very cold part of the time and very wet the balence of the time I did not go the day before they sarted a kettle turned over of the fire and scalded my foot slightly so that I could not go but it was the first time that I have stayed behind well ~~Even~~ when we go again I think that we will see the elephant the river ~~was~~ has rose about 1 or 15 feet so that will give the gunboats a good chance at Columbus and I think that they will attact before long I think that we can clean them out without very much troubble because I think that the gunboats can drive them from there forts so that we can get a chanel at them there sure will be something done before long it looks rather strange that they

would keep us here doing nothing and keep us from
home so long when we might as well go home
for the boys was all promised a furlow ever three months
and now it will soon be six months and no
prospect yet of getting thro go home Well if they keep
the soldiers here mutch longer they will go home
with out leave fore there is consdesable of dissatisfaction
Well I am in great hopes that we will all
get two go home soon I think that peace will be made
against the first June any way the secesh
soldiers time is out the first of febuary so that
will go against them there was part of our regiment
and part of three other regiments have started at eight
at night and marched and marched on untill just before
day light when all at wonce the formest
regiment was fired into or they got scared and
commenced firing among them selves it was so
dark that we could not see a man five steps
two save wone life Well the formest regiment
and part of the next fired and every wone was
throwed into confusion and ithink that our men
shot and killed More than the sesesh did if
there was any there for I dont think that there
was any there Well I saw 4 killed and 14 teen
wounded and wone died soon after it laked
hard two see them lying there in the rain
it commenced raining just after the fir

Well we just waited untill day light and there
and there was no sign of the rebels ever being
there Well they have had a lot of prisners here
the citizens out of mo they had the old Bird
her in his cage well he did not sing mutch
Well none of his darkeys was passing his
cage and staped and looked in and ~~said~~
exclaimed wall Massa you worse fire than
I eber be in mi life and then lauged and
went off steping as big and high as a colonel
well every thing is still and quiet here now
I havent any thing more two write of importen
and haven time two write more so good by

as ever your affectionate
brother John G Boggs

W two James C Boggs

Write soo and often

Murfreesboro Tenn January 11th/63

My Dear wife I now take my pen in hand once more to let you that I am still on the land of the living I am well only a diarah that has run me down considerable I have not had any word from home since this day one month ago but I expect to get one or two this evening And I hope that I will hear that you are all well And I hope that when this finds you and family in good health Well Margaret We have been on the march ever since Christmas and have rested only two days We started from near Galiton and went to Glasgo and from there to Cave Citty after Morgan and from there to Bowling Green and from there to Nashville Tenn and from there to Murfreesboro and now in camps Two miles east of Murfreesboro with General Rosencrans main army and I expect we will get to rest a few days

We passed over the battle field or a portion of it it looked bad to see the destruction of horses and mules but not as bad as if the dead bodies of the men had a been lying as they were a few days before There was not any of the boys that I knew killed David Goree & the three Couch boys Tom Gaston Green Elkins John McKainey Matthew Gaston Lacy Beard all safe L. W. Cunningham Wounded in leg are prisoners Pard & Matthew & George Cunningham Prisoners James McBrary Wounded taken Prisoner and Parrolled Well my Dear wife I expect you know more of the battle that was faught at this place than I do so I will not attempt to tell you any thing more we get no papers Well I would be glad to see you all again and I hope that this will soon come to a close that I may have the pleasure of seeing you all and if I should be called into an engage ment and fall a sacrifice for my country that it is for my

Country that I am fighting
and for the rising generations happiness
There is no thought of there being an
engagement near this place but I
do not know how soon we may
pursew the fleeing enemy
Well Margaret I do not know
how things is geting along at
home to give you any advice
how to manage so you will
have to manage things the best
you know how you will
remember me in your prayers
So no more at present
But Remain your affectionate
Husband Untill Death
James C. Boggs
To Margaret Boggs

When you Write direct
your letters to Nashville Tenn
in this way James C Boggs
Co. H. 80th Regiment
Illinois Vol Nashville
Tennisee

Write as often as you can you write whether you want any boddy to go on the place or not and who you would like to have on it

Murfreesboro Tenn January 20th 1862

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to let you hear from me I am Well enough to attend to duty again I am in hopes that those lines will find you and the children all Well and harty and doing Well I I have had a little Sick Spell I was right Sick for two days with cold and diereah Joseph has been Sick for Eight days with fever he is better and has been on the Amend for three days and I think he will get along Well my dear Wife I have not had any word from you Since the 11th of Dec and I am almost Sick to hear from you once more and you will keep writing and probaly I will get one after a while I would be more than glad to See you and the Children once more and to hear their Sweet

voices around me Well I have
been around some since we came
here I have seen several of my
friends I have seen S. W. Lenningham
he was wounded in the right leg
~~and~~ above the knee a flesh wound
and he is geting along well and
thinks he will be able to go
home in a few days he was
Paroled Rev. John. McMaster
was here and Preached on Sabb
ath about a mile from our
camp and I went to hear him
and he sends his best respects
to all the friends he preached
us an eccellent short sermon
he is in the War hart and hand
Well My Dear Wife we have had
wet disagreeable weather for some
time back it has been raining
a great deal of late and the streams
is full and flush and some bridges
injured there was some of our teams
was water bound for five days
between here and Nashville

Well Margaret you would like
to know some thing of how I am
geting along in the cold and wet
I have had plenty of clothing but my
pants is geting considerably worn
is the worst I am off for clothing at
this time in your next you will
send me a scane of flax thread
for I cannot get it here We have
not received any pay since we
left Centralia I have been without
any money for some time but
I could get along if I could get
paper and tobaco I am out of
both and will have to do
without untill I get some
money you can send some
paper in your letters paper is
scarce and is worth two cents
per sheet you need not try to
send any thing only in letter
for any packages hardly ever
comes to us you spoke of sending
some tobaco it would not get
here at all

Well Margaret you will
remember me in your prayers
and pray that peace may
soon be restored on our once
happy land again and that
husbands and sons may return
to their once happy homes
and friends So no more at
Present but Remain Your
Affectionate Husband untill
Death James C. Boggs
To Margaret Boggs Jan 22nd 1863

My Dear Wife I received a letter from you
to day and was glad to hear that you were all
well I was so glad that I had to shed tears over it
I am tolerable well only I am tiered with scouting
the rebels took about thirty of our wagons
and teams and one hundred and fifty of our
men out of the hundred and fifth Ohio Regiment
and Robert Oldfield was taken with them
and we went out after them and we lay
out night without any blankets and we suffered
with cold and this morning I and three others
left the regiment and returned to camps
I was to weak to stand the fatigue I am in
hopes that they will catch them we heard
that our cavalry was in one mile of them
but I am afraid they will not catch them
It was a forageing expedition that they were on
Mr Franklin Hogue has just been in to see
se me and he is well and harty he thinks he
may stop and see you all as he returns home
Tell Bet I have not forgotten her or any of the
Friends at home but I cannot write to all
for I cannot get paper to write James C Boggs
To Margaret Boggs

January the 24 A D 1862

State of Missouri Livingston County

Dear uncle and Aunt

It is with pleasure that is seat my self to wright you a few lines to let you know that we are bouth well at present hoping when these few lines comes to hand they will find you all well and in good helth i have wrote to you fore or five times and i have not got any answer yet I thought i would wright you another word I have not herd from any of you for some time and i would like to here from some of you the best in the world i got a letter from Jane Sweter and Betsy and georg pope and they was well and satisfied of there moove they had made from Missouri to Illinois they say they are doing well and wants Josh and my self to come to them but i cant go till we get loose from uncle Sam and i dont know when we will get home ~~whether we or not~~ or not but i hope we will see that day to come when you wright to us tell whare to wright to uncle John Sloan for i dont know whare to wright to him and wright the name of the post offis and wright if uncle David Canaday wright if we have to direct to Sprty or not and if we have we haft to wright to him I have wrote to all the kin and herd from all but Stephen Ogdon and Nancy

When you get This wright Soon and let
Me know how you all are and Dont forget
to wright And Dont for get to Direct
your letters to Chillicothe Missouri
and put Company D and the 23 Ridgement
Mo volunteers Nothing More At
Present But Remains your friend
Bill Dett

From Thomas Dallas
To uncle William Hicklin

Dont For get to Direct
to the 23 Ridgement Missouri
volunteers and put on Company D
and will get it any wheare iyo

Wright Soon and tell
All to Doo the Same

Co D Co Co. D. D

Co D Co D Co D

Thomas Dallas and
Joshua Dallas send my Best

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March 11 1862
Livingston Co Mo

Dear Cousin
This is the 11
of March that I seat my Self
to Answer your Kind letter
that you rote to me We are
Boutte well At this time
Hoping when these few
lines comes to hand they will
find you All well I have
Nothin Strange to wright to
you this Morning I was on gard
when I received your letter and

to-day iwas on gard it is
the talk we haft to go to
tenisee and we are Orderd from
here the first of Aprile and
the day we leave here will bee
Some fighting to do for us and
idont know how that will
go but iwill Say for my
Self idont think it much
fun in the game of
musket Balls Coming
Against Afellow Some
Says it is nothing But
fun Grecieved A letter
from Jane and Betsy Marc
10 and they was all well
when they rote the letter
March has Bin the worst
Month on us Since we
Came in the Survis it
has Snowed and rained
every Day Since the first
Day But 2 this Day and
yestar Day

one and has Bin very
Cold on us for we have
Bin out on Ascout all
the time and you
wanted to know if we have
killed any rebel i cant
tell you for Surtain
But i can tell you
what eye have Seen out
from Camp in the
winter i have Seen
the Snow for a
half mile you Couldant
See the Snow for Blood
that was on wilson
Creek and the rebels
Cant last long for
uncle Sams boys will
Cill them all in
a few more Battles Peggy
I have bin home too
times in Seven Monts we
have plenty of every thing

Eat and Drink and
plenty of Money to
Spend when we See
Any thing we want
Then you get
this wright all the
war news you know
Nothing More At
Present But remain
you Cosins Till Deth
From Thomas Dalley
To Peggy Boggs
Pore Soldiers Pore
Soldiers Pore Soldiers
Cold and Hungry

March th 24 1862

St Louis Camp Benton Mo
Dear Cosin it is with plasure
that iseat my Self to Answer
your Cind letter we are Bowlh well
well At present hoping when these
few lines Comes to hand they
will find you all well I
have Nothing Strang to wright
to you At this time I recieved
your to Day and was glad
to here from you but iwas
Sorry to here of the boys
geting Cut up So at fort
Donalson but Some body hast
to fall in time of battle
to gain our freedom back
We are wating here to here the
orders to march from here
the Captain thinks we
will leave here this week
for Dixea the way the

Damd rebals runs is fun
to us here but it may
not be fun long to us
but the boys are all redy
to try the rebals a full Dress
I came very near forgetting to
tell you John Pope is in here
to Neight and two of his
Brothers John To is by my
left Side looking at me
writing and he has my
Spring rifal in his hand
looking at it and he says
he can kill any rebal ever
looked out of mustasher
we will have the trial of
Shooting at them there is
fifty or Sixty peases of
Cannon in Camp Benton
at this time and men
no end to them John pope
belongs to the 13 iowa reg

He Sends His Best
Respects to All of you
you Said you had wrote
four letters to us but we
never got But two of them
And ihave Answered them
every word of them we heard
from Jane and Betsy and
they was well and harty
and well pleased to here
from us Georg and Alfred
is well and Doing well
when you read this wright
Soon and let me Know how
you are Nothing More
A present but Remains
your Cosins till Deth

From
Thomas Dallas To
Clark Boggs and Cosin
Peggy Boggs

Tell All The Pretty girls
for me iwant them to
wright to me wright to me
if Emly Hays is marrad
or not

Direct to the
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From Thomas
Dallas

To Clark Boggs and
To All the Cin
Foaks T D C B

"He turn'd and left the spot—Oh do not deem him weak—
For dauntless was the soldier's heart, though tears were on his cheek;
Go, watch the foremost ranks in danger's dark career,
Be sure the hand most daring there has wiped away a tear."

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THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

Camp near
Louisville Kentuck
Sept 7th 1862
My dear wife
I now take the
opportunity of
fullfilling my
promise of writing to you
I am in good health but
I am a little wrried from
marching and loosing sleep
I hope when this reaches
you it will find you all
well and a geting along well
I wil tell you something of
our journey we rode on the
cars from Centralia to the
Ohio river at ~~Portland~~ New Albany and
we had a fine time riding
on the cars and we landed
new ~~Portland~~ Albany on Friday night

And had a fine supper
given to us by the
~~co~~ citizens of the Town
~~the~~ They appeared to be as
glad to see us as if we were
connection We received
our armes at ~~Portland~~ New Albany
on yesterday and crossed
the river about five oclock
in the evening and had
the pleasure of showing
our new Guns to the
citizens of Louisville Hen
they appeared to be glad to
see us And there appeared
to be a larg majority of
them loyal They cheered us all
the way through the City
Jerom the citty out to camp
we had a horible time
with the dust we have

Sept 8th /62

a nice place to camp
high rolling ridges and
springs to get water from
The health of the company
is geneally good we left two
of our men on the road sick
Meg. Porter at New Albany
Sick There is considerable
of excitement in the contry
around here but I think
there is not mutch danger
at present there is some
Thirty Thousand infantry
around here Two Thousand
Cavelry and I do not know
the quanty of Artilery
There was a Regiment of
Indiana troops cut to
pieces not far from here
but the officers was said
to all be drunk and

were draw ~~recrew~~
regiment and ~~f~~
thought they could not
be wiped and acted
the foot I have to
go one drill so no
more at present
farewell ~~y~~ my Dear
Margaret Boggs

James C Boggs

Direct letters to Camp
near Louisville Ken
Co H 80 regiment
Ills volunteers
or Direct in this way
James C Boggs
Co H 80 Regiment
Camp near Louisville
Ky

Sept 11 / 62
Camp near
Louisville Ky
My Dear wife
I now take my
pen in hand to
let you know
that I am well at present
and I hope these lines will
find you all enjoying the
same blessing of God we
moved yesterday
about one mile to get
a better situation for
Camping we have a nice
place to drill on and
have to drill six hours
a day besides dress parade
and it keeps us busy all
all the time some of the
boys thinks it hard to

to drill so mutch The
health of the company ~~of~~
is good Samuel G Andrews
had a spell of the diareah
~~a~~ yesterday and is better
to day only one other sick
in our company some other
complaining Meg Porter
is better and with the
Company there was one
of Captain Stratens men
gun fierd accidentally
on picket and shot off
the fore finger and the nee
one to it half off of
the right hand one of
the cavalry men shot
himself through the hand
accidentally with a
pistol Sabbath day

There is no enemy near here that I have heard of since we came here they were said to be in a few miles of here three days before we came here but I guess we gave them a scare The Brigade General is a fool al of our officers has fell out with him he is an upstart of a captain of Artillery that was whiped at Richmond in May the 31st Indiana was with him and it is reported that he was drunk this morning our officers has petitioned our governor to be removed from under him

Well I would be glad to see
you all but there is no use
of talking about going home
as long as we are under this
fool General There are Two of
our Companies out on Picket
and Two men from each
Company gone on a forageing
expedition this Evening
I go no more at Present
Farewell ~~you~~ my Dear
wife and Children and
~~co~~ Connection
Write as soon as convenient
and as often Direct To
Company H 80th Reg
Illinois Volunteers
James E Boggs