Camp near Murfreesboro March 16/63

Dear parents I take my pen and ink to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope that this will find you the same, we have been scouting around some lately, on the sixth of March we left camp about eight oclock in the morning and started south we went about eight miles when our skirmishers came up to the rebbel pickets and commenced firing we halted and our two guns under Dawley advanced with two regiments of infantry four of our guns and two regiments staying back for a reserve, when we had got on the hill that our skirmishers had drove the rebbels from they fired a three inch rifled gun, & as the ball striking the ground about two rods to the right of our gun which was moving on the pike, [illegible] and opened our two guns on them they fired three of four times more and fell back, after a while they opened on us again but most of the balls fell short we fired at them a few times and they quit, they appeared to have but one or two guns but I guess they had a trop set for us, there was thick cedar bushes on each side of the road so that we could not see forty rods except in the road, we could see them cross the road backward and forward and one of them sent a bullet up at one of our sargeants that was standing on the road looking at them, the bullet passed by him struck the pike glanced, and went over about a dozen of our heads that were making some coffee, and then struck an old stable just back of us we stood there in the rain untill dark when we unhitched fed our horses and went into an old building built a fire

That night two buildings were set on fire in the town and as Davis did not know who set them, he thought it done as a signal for the rebbels to make a dash in onto us and so we had to lay on our arms all night, but they did not come the next morning we started for Versailles again and got there in the middle of the afternoon, we staid there that night and the next day being sunday we thought we should stay, the forage teams had started after feed when all at once we got orders to move immediately, we hitched up and started for camp where we arrived about three o'clock last night. We got two months more pay the day we started and I sent ($26) by express together with ($25) for Cherry and ($35) for Mrs John Gibson, Gibson wants you to send his by mail and Sisler wants you to keep Cherrys untill he comes after it. I sent ($25) the 28th of Feb Gibson and Sisler sent some with me they want you to do with the first as with the last, we can all send as cheap as one, We did not pay the freight here, when you get it write what the cost is on it and whether they paid their share if they did not the boys will pay me, I sent the receipt for the first package which was paid but have not heard from it yet, I want you to loan it if you dont want to use it your self, we have been paid up to the first of January there is two months more due us now, the pay rolls are made out for it which looks as though we should get it soon but we may not. We have had fine weather since it cleared off to day the sun shines bright and warm the fields begin to look green and the trees begin to bud, I say some places when we was gone to Franklin in January

INFORMATION ON THE KIMBER FAMILY

(Taken from Rochester Post 7/22/1892)

G. A. Kimber, nearly 76 years old, died at his home on Wednesday at one o'clock. He has been quite poorly in health for the last five years. Another old pioneer, who has been here about forty years, has been called up higher. He has been a good father and faithful husband. His wife died some five years ago. He leaves quite a number of sons and daughters to mourn his death. The funeral will take place today. B- Aug. 2. 1816

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(Taken from Rochester Post 7/24/1885)

The funeral of Mrs. G. A. Kimber, were held at the M.E. Church, Thursday, July 16, at one o'clock. Rev. Roberts officiating. A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance. Mr. Kimber was among the early settlers in this section and Mrs. Kimber has been known for years as a most exemplary woman and Christian. The family have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends.

B- Jan 1, 1816

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(Taken from Rochester Post 11/1/1873)

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

On Wednesday of last week, a boy, aged fifteen years, son of Mr. G. A. Kimber, residing in the town of Dover, this county, met with a painful accident which caused his death in a few hours afterwards. He had lent his rifle, and on its being returned, it contained a charge, and could not be discharged in the usual way. He tried to withdraw the charge, but did not succeed in this. He then took the gun to pieces taking out the breech pin. Taking an iron ramrod, he inserted it in the breech end of the barrel, and holding the barrel in his hands with the muzzle pointing toward his stomach, undertook to force the charge out by tamping the ramrod on the floor. The friction thus produced, caused a premature discharge of the load in the barrel, and the young man received the entire charge, the bullet entering at the pit of the stomach. Dr. Tamblin, of St. Charles, was immediately called, who probed the wound but did not find the ball.

It was evident that internal hemorrhage was doing its work slowly but surely, and after lingering in extreme pain for nearly eight hours, the unfortunate boy closed his young life. In giving the details of this shocking affair, the St. Charles Times adds this admonitory note on the danger of a careless use of firearms and gun powder.

Thus ends the sad chapter in the careless use of firearms. Let the boys of this city keep in memory and sad fate of young Kimber, when they are using firearms; read over carefully the article in this paper, "how gunpowder is made," and you will learn how careful those are who manufacture the dangerous compound gun powder.

K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Sergt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Jany & Febry 1864

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't $ ..... 100 for .....

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

Wm Kimber

(358) Copyist.

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FROM SECOND AUDITOR'S ROLL

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for Sept & Oct 1863

Present or absent Present

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Valuation of horse, $ 100

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William H. Kimber

Pvt., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Nov. & Dec. 1862

Present or absent present

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Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

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for July & Aug. 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Hutton

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

Wm H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for May & June 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Woods

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Veteran

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF Georgia

TOWN OF Roswell Camp 2d Div 14 A.C.

I, William H Kimber born in Sherwood in the State of Michigan aged twenty three years, and by occupation a farmer Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have volunteered this twenty first day of March 1864, to serve as a veteran volunteer **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the period of *THREE YEARS*, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, William H Kimber do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the ***United States of America***, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Roswell, Ga. Camp 2d Div 14 A.C. this 21 day of March 1864, } William H. Kimber

BEFORE Wm Augustus Hotchkiss Capt 2d Bty Light Artry Minnesota Vols

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

H. R. Payne
Surg. 1st Ill U.S.V.
Act Bud Director 2d Div. 14 A.C.
EXAMINING SURGEON.

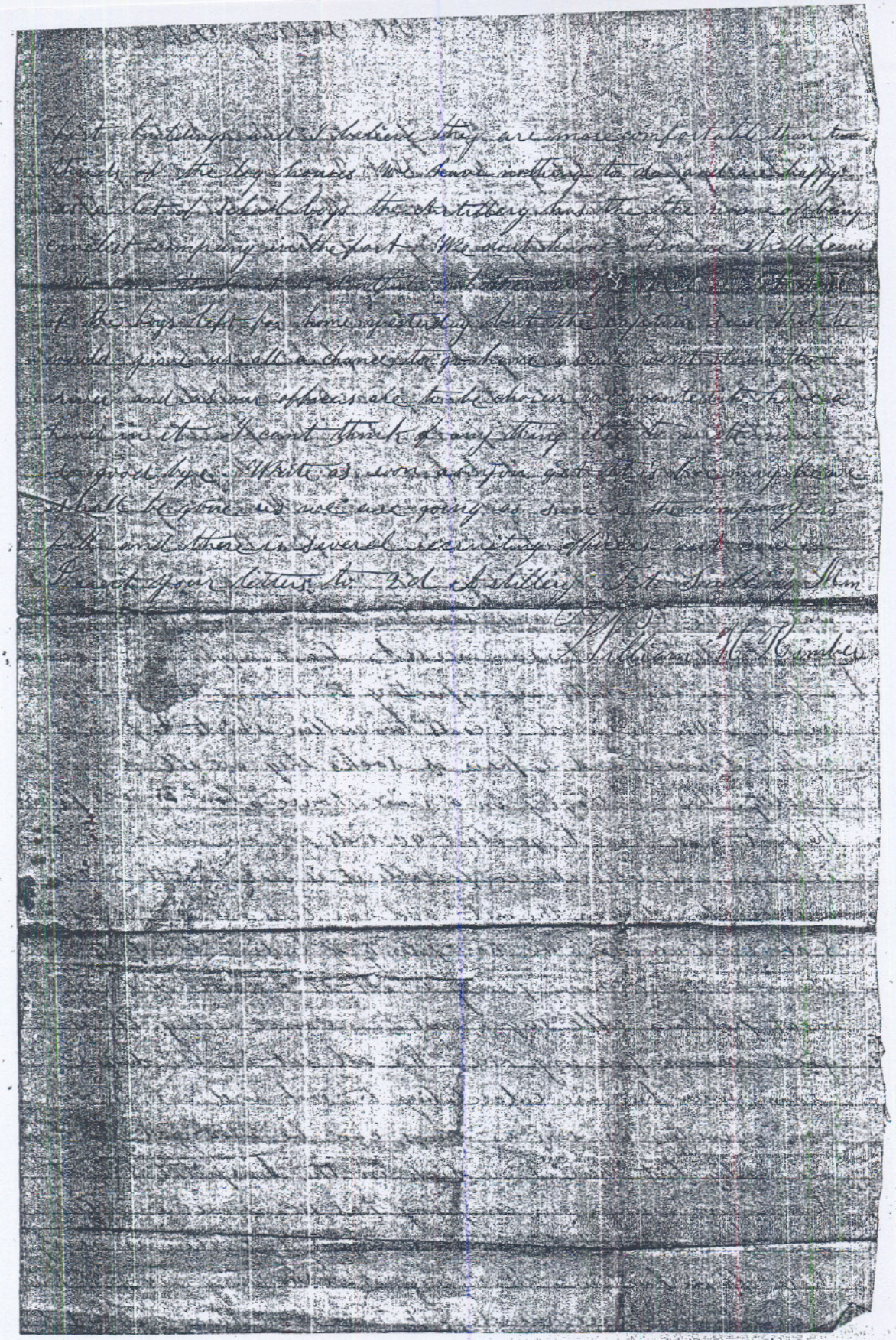
I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, William H Kimber previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has gray eyes, light hair, light complexion, is 5 feet 9½ inches high.

Wm Augustus Hotchkiss,
Capt. 2d Battery Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers,
RECRUITING OFFICER.

(A. G. O. No. 74 & 76.)

Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years or during the war, from date of enlistment, in Company 2d Battery Regiment of Minn. Volunteers, on the 3d day of April, 1864 at Roswell Ga

Lt Cook
Capt 2d Bty Light Artry
A.C.M. 2d Div 14 A.C.



Ft Snelling Feb Sunday 23d

Dear parents Brothers Sister and all
I take my pen to let you know that I am well and in good spir
its and hope you are the same. We started from St Chas
about 8 oclock on monday morning and drove to Plainview
(Centerville) for dinner there was two teams and 22 more
and at Wabshaw we met 2 teams more and about 12 men
we arrived here thursday at 4 oclock having taken dinner in
St Paul we stayed at our quarters a little while and
and then went up to the fort where the fourth regiment
was on dress parade it looked nice I tell you. Friday
we were examined and sworn in Yesterday some of
us went to St Paul to see them fire the canon it
being Washingtons birth day. St Paul is a nice place I
was in the Capitol and saw the sword [illegible]
and Pants taken at summerset. Last night we recieved
a part of our cloths, are expecting to receive the rest on
monday. We recieved 2 coats two wollen shirts 2 pair of
wollen drawers and 2 pair of socks they are all of good
quality. We are staying in a ware house about 25 rods from
the fort and have to go about 40 rods for our meals. our house
is warm and tollerable comfortable it is sealed on the inside
and clapboarded on the out and our beds are on the sides
3 above one another. We have plenty of indian blankets and
straw beds and have plenty to eat it consists of bread
meat potatoes coffe sugar and beans once a day it is
good enough for any one. We all eat in the same
room now but are calculating to cook and eat in our
own quarters as soon as things can be arranged the boys
are mostly well but there are some sick in the hospital I dont
know how many. our company has 40 names enrolled
and is [illegible] to be sworn in tomorrow but there is nearly
half off on furlow. We have not drilled any yet but have
orders to commence monday. I have been through most of

1914 = A. Lindahl

1953 = anna Haas

Minnesota

Second Battery of Light Artillery

Wm. H. Kimber 21 years old

Mustered in: Feb. 20, 1862

Mustered out Aug 16, 1865

Re-enlisted March 22, '64

Pt 4

We are camped with two other batterys the 5th and 8th Wis, by the edge of some timber we have bowers over our tents, our horses stand in the woods, there is a nice spring about forty rods and a river about the same distance. When we were at Winchester the 2nd Regiment laid near us I saw Raymond Thompson several times he was well and tough, they have a brass band in the regiment they came to our camp and played one evening, Raymond sends his respects to you, John Evins from the 1st Regiment was here he is discharged, I dont know where th 2nd is now some say it is at Bridgport 12 miles from here they are in a different Corps from us so we dont see one another very often, I dont think we shall stay here a great while they are at work puting pontoon bridges over the Tennesee river four miles from here they can only work knights the rebs have a battery planted on the other side, I think as soon as they get them done we shall move forward, we are on the junction of the railroad where the Nashville road joins the Memphis and Richmond road You wrote that Frank Sheeks did not get hurt in the battle of Gettysburg you wrote and John Evins told me that Frank deserted has he joined his regiment again.

I believe I have written all that I can think of at present write as soon as you get this with all the news and peticulars

G A & B Kimber

Wm H Kimber

Aug 63

You have writen several times
that you would like to have me send
my likeness in my uniform there is no
place here where I can get it taken
but I will tell you how you can do it
get a pair of old light blue pants or
dark blue short tail coat a black
hat stomp them in the mud take
them out hang them on the fence until
they are dry whip them over the fence
a while put them on Load and with
a little grease and dirt on his face and
hands and you can see a soldier
dressed in uniform as we were at the
time we got to Crab Orchard we left
our knapsacks at Bowling green and did
not get them untill we got back there
I believe I will stop writing as the
mail is about ready to go out and
I have wrote double quick long
enough so good Bye
Write as soon as you git this

William H Kimber to G A and B Kimber

On camp 4 miles South
from Nashville Dec 5th /62

Dear parents I take my pen
to write you a few lines to let
you know that I am well and
I hope that you are the same
I recevd a letter from you
when we were at Bowling Green
and was glad to hear from you, we
have just received two months pay
I have sent $95 by express directed to
G A Kimber St Charles Winona Co Minn
there is also two packages in the same
envelope one to Mrs Fulla and one
to a man by the name of Chery.
the man that sent Chery's wants
you to keep it untill he comes for it
I was calculating to send my money
from Louisville they were paying the
troops when we were there and I wanted
to send it all togather but we left

Camp on Stringers farm
Tenn Aug 28th (64

Dear brother

I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well, I got a letter from you yesterday dated July 16th and one from home Aug 14th, our folks were all well, they had just got through with thier harvest, I had began to think that you had forgot the promise you made me to write for it is the first letter I have had from you although I have written you several we are having prety good times here this summer, we are taking care of a lot of horses, and some of us are playing cavalry at present, There is twelve of us mounted and armed with Spencers seven shooting rifles and Colts revolvers and act

country is it around the mines is timber plenty and how does crops look, is there many settlers came in there this summer and what are they doing about the railroad, is there plenty of grass and [illegible] what kind of water in them lakes in the summer, so you see I want you to write me all the peticulars, write me a good long letter when you get this and tell me what you are doing how you live and how you like soldiering any how, Give my respects to all the boys so [illegible] bye

From your brother

A V Kimber Wm H Kimber

Direct

2nd Minn Battery
Chattanooga
Tenn

The 2nd Minnesota regiment
I said that night by the side
of us, they had been badly cut
up, their was one killed and
several wounded that I was ac-
quainted with. Raymond was not in
the battle he had sore eyes and
was with the wagon train, I have
not seen him since we left
Winchester, his captain, Harkins
was wounded. We run around
these that day and the next and
then came here behind the rebel
works, I think we can hold our
own here against all of Bragg's
reinforcements, they are in front
of us and occasionaly try our
lines a little, night before last
they threw some shot over at
us, one of them struck the wheel

~~The last~~ Our Lieutenant
(Woolsey) commanding the bat Clary
was wounded in the arm, pretty
bad, and George Averil (cousin
to Edward Averil of Ohio) got a
deep flesh wound near the
seat of his trowsers. One of our
boys was killed yesterday, he
was laying under the limber
with his head on a rail asleep
and it turned over and struck
him on the side of the head, he
never knew what killed him.
He was from Indiana and
was detailed in the battery
he leaves a wife and two child
He had been through several
battles unhurt but was doomed
never to return to his family, he
was a good fellow and we miss

our infantry instead of lay
down and firing and letting
fire over their heads, raised up
fired and commenced retreating
We could do nothing and so we
limbered up and left, their was
a road runing behind us and
instead of going a cross it Dawley
section followed the battery on
our right down the road nearly
half a mile, we had had only
one caisson for the two guns so
that we were near out of ammu
nition, other gun had broke her
rammer so we took her ammu
nition and went into position by the
side of the other battery and
fired the rest of it, Our gun
fired in all nearly 100 shots,
at dark Dawley went and
found the rest of the Battery and
we went to them, nearly 2 miles

The next morning at three
o'clock we moved to where
the caisson was filled with
ammunition got our breakfast
and started went into position
on the top of a hill and as it
was Sunday we thought we
should have rest that day,
All was quiet until about ten
o'clock when the pickets commenced
firing and soon the engagement
became general, cannon roared
musket rattled, wagons, ambulances
and horsemen were flying in
every direction, wounded men were
limping away, others were being
led or carried by their comrades
and it soon became evident that
we were getting the worst of it.
We were ordered to another place
so as to cover the road, we
fired a few shot and then

and traveled without hardly
any road to the edge of the
mountain where we camped
about nine o'clock. The next
morning we went down the mountain
traveled around backwards
and forwards until ten o'clock
on the night of the 18th we
camped near Pawn Springs
the next morning we started
towards Chatanooga we soon
heard cannonading forward and
to our right it kept up nearly
all of the time about three o'clock
we began to hear the rattle of
musketry and was soon put
on double quick just before
we came into position the pole
of our caisson broke and had to

Chatanooga Sept 27 (23

Dear parents

I take my pen and ink to write
you a few lines to let you know
that I am still alive and well
I received a letter from you
about ten days ago and was glad
to hear from you, the reason I
have not written before is there
has been no mail sent north
lately, We started from Stevenson
one month ago yesterday and went
four miles to the Tennesee river
where they were laying a pontoon
bridge we lay till the next day
and crossed and went to the
foot of Leook out mountain where
we lay several days, we started
one morning climb the mountain

hospatle there I was sick
when we came here one has the measles
and the other has the fever. there
is two sick in minnesota and one
died before we left making but
six unfit for duty out of about 140 men
We are in Benton Barracks just out of
the city of St Louis being about 5 miles
from the landing. They are calculated to
hold one hundred thousand men but they
are pretty near empty now. there is
but one regiment of cavelry besides our
company, two regiments of cavelry one
regiment of infantry and one battery
having gone last week. but I believe there
is some more coming soon I believe
I suppose you want to know how I like
soldiering I like it very well
so far, but I think if a man has a
place and family he had better stay at
home. you wrote that Uncle Nathan was
sick of it. there is lots of men in our
company especialy married men that
would give all they have if they
could get out of it, and there
is others that could hardly be
hired to leave. for my part I
am not sory, yet, that I enlisted
we have plenty to eat drink and wear
but sometimes our grub is rather hard.
we consider we are in secession now
there has been several men shot while
standing picket. one man was shot dead
and one shot through the leg and one
morning last week there was nothing to be
found on the post but blood, all done
on the same post were some wounds.
I cant think of any more to write at presen
so good bye write us soon as you get this
direct to 2d Minn Battery
Benton Barracks Mo

Monday May the 5th. Last evening there
was some two or three hundred sick
soldiers came here from Pittsburg landing
and they were the most pitiable lot of human
beings I ever saw. Some of them were

Dawley sent back to town for more horses and feed we waited till near noon and then put the horses on part of the battery and started and went about three miles to our present camp (South east) We are about six miles from Chatanooga and one mile from Rossville, we are past in the edge of Georgia, we have got our camp fixed up again as good as it was the other side of the river, three of us have a shanty seven by nine on the inside with a fire place and chimney, my old partner has been put into an other section of the battery so that I had to take an other he is staying with us untill he gets his shanty up my partners name is Young he is from Ohio and used to live in Rhedina

We had a scare the other evening, it was reported that Johnsons army was advancing on us, so they doubled the pickets and sent two sections of the battery out but I guess it wont amount to much. We are the only battery left in the division the other two have reenlisted and gone home, We have not been in long enough to reenlist & dont know as we shall have the chance, Some of the boys would but I dont think that many would go under thier present captain, if they could have Dawley for captain I think that most of them would go, he is commanding the battery and has been since the battle of Chickamauga where our first Lieutenant was killed

Camp on Stringers farm July

Dear parents

I take my pen & write you a few lines to let you know how I am geting along, I am well and I hope that this will find you the same, I got a letter from you dated June 26th and was glad to hear from you it is the only letter ~~from~~ I have had since I left home our boys got home night before last from the front where they have been with a lot of horses, they brought your letter, I was not strong enough to go with them when they went and so staid back, they was gone two weeks, they had a hard march and looked pretty rough. We went to town yesterday and got one hundred horses and brought out here to recruit, some of them look pretty hard:

had three Corps across the river he has seven Corps with him, I hope the he will drive them to the ocean before he stops how is politicks in Minn and in the north generaly, do you think that Lincoln will be elected he will get the majority of the soldiers votes I think in this army but there is some states that dont allow there soldiers to vote, we are out one side from every body so that we dont get many papers now and what few we do get is mostly Chattanooga papers with no news from the north, They are having quite a scare around Washington but let them go in fully for the rebs I say it will be better then a draft for the union armies, I guess I have writen all the news, write as soon as you get this, write all the news about the draft, I would like to see some of them Cowards club men down here with a musket on their shoulders, I think a year or two would do them good, this from your son

Wm H Kimber

I & J Kimber

Aug 25th 64

Camp on Stringers farm Tem

Dear parents

I take my pen to write you a few lines in answer to one I got from you yesterday of Aug 14th, I got one from Load for the first time and was glad to hear that you was all well. I am well and so is most of the boys, I am playing cavalryman at present. There is twelve of us mounted and armed with seven shooters and revolvers and scout among the mountains we have just been out on a three days scout, we was out about forty miles, we got one reb and several pistols and guns, we found the reb hid betwixt the chamber floor and ceiling with a bot of wool over him. As I was writing and one of the boy came along with three letters for me [illegible]

we got stuck on sand bars
several times we passed Winona
about dark and got to Leacrays
about ten, we slept in the ex-
press office and the next day went
to Chicago. we had saturday
to see the city in I bought me
another coat a book and one thing
another monday morning we started
and went to Lafayette where we
staid in a warehouse the nex day
we went to Louisville and last
night we came here, we are stop-
ing at the Zolycoffer house,
it is the largest hotel in the
city, but they dont set the best
of tables or have the best of
beds, every one has to cary his
own bed, and the whole barracks
mess to gather. It rained some
last night and the streets are rather
mudy.

I dont know how long
we shall stay here, I suppose
several days and may be longer
There is good news from Sherman
this morning I would like to be
down there, I dont like soldiering
in barracks it is too much
like being in prison.
Tell Harvy Doll and Ezra
that they must learn to write
so that they can write to me.
Edith and Omar must write
now, give my respects to
all the folks,
write soon, direct
2nd Minn Battery
Via Nashville
and I think that I
will get it, so good bye

Yr J. B. Kimber Wm H. Kimber

pay, so the next morning
the Captain marched us back
to town turned in our guns and
cartridge boxes, and drew horses
and sadles and ~~[illegible]~~ carbines and
sabers and mounted us as cavalry.
it was late when we got ready
to start and we had to overtake
the train that had started from
camp in the morning so we went
back to camp stoped and got
supper and then pushed on we
got up with the train sometime
in the middle of the night, lay
until morning and then went to
Murfreesboro where we staid until
the next day. At noon on the
tenth we stoped for dinner close
to a farm house and my partner
Loudon went and got a canteen
of buttermilk and as we had
soft bread we had a good dinner
of bread and buttermilk finishing

with hot coffee, towards night
I had some pain in my
stomache and bowels which continued
through the night and the next day
but not so as to stop me from duty
the next night however about ten
o'clock I was taken with the
Cholera morbus very bad I took
a powder which relieved a little
after a while and then I had a
shake to top off with, the next
morning I was not able to ride
my horse so I had to ride in
the ambulance, we traveled eleven
miles the roads were very rough
and I thought it would shake my
insides all out, we camped here
that night and as I could not stand
it to ride they brought me to the
hospital. I came here the thirteenth
I have not taken any medicine
yet, the doctor says all I want
is light food and quiet.

Murfreesboro June 23rd/63

Dear parents I take my pen and ink to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well I have just received a [illegible] from you the first one I have had from you for [illegible] months I am well and have been so [illegible] I wrote you the Battery has [illegible] engagement since that I have not been with them. They [illegible] about two months ago for five days, I [illegible] cold and as it rained when they started [illegible] I sent some money home in March and got a letter from Caleb saying that they had just got it and [illegible] they would write again soon I have been waiting for a letter ever since and just got one [illegible] to me I never got it I sent my [illegible] coat home I sent it to [illegible] I [illegible] they had got the [illegible] by taking off the trimmings [illegible] make a good coat for Fred. The Minnesota cavalry is about two miles from here I was over last [illegible] day I saw [illegible] Allen and [illegible] and [illegible] boys that I knew they are all well they [illegible] Fort Henry until two weeks ago when they came here. We have just got orders to be ready to march with twelve days rations I dont know where we are going but should not be surprised if the next you hear from us we should be at Vixburg or in Pennsylvania I think most of the rebels have left here but about three weeks ago when we were on picket we had a skirmish

point on the Shelbeville pike where they most expected us and then made a brake on Hoovers gap and the first thing they knew we were flanking them, We passed through Hoovers gap and camped on a nice stream that night the next morning Sunday we was rear guard for the train we of course had a late start and got into camp about one o'clock at night it had not rained any that day (the first since day we started) we had to go to the train for corn for our horses and before we got back it commenced pouring down almost in streams. We staid at Manchester two days it raining a considerable of the time, We started from Manchester in the morning and reached Gallahuma after dark the 3rd Regiment was camped near us I went there after I had my team taken care of they were all asleep I walked through there camp but did not disturb them they left at two o'clock next morning, they are camped about a mile from there now, I have not been to see them yet. We left Gallahuma the next morning and marched untill four o'clock when we came to a river the rebels had burned the bridge the next morning we forded it, it was up to the horses sides We marched untill about two o'clock When we got to Winchester We planted our battery on one side of the town the 5th Wisconsin Battery on one and the 8th Wis on the other We lay there two or three days when we had orders to find us a place to camp as our division was to

and forty dollars (£40.00) and sent it to
Webster banker Winona. Enclosed you will
find a check for eighty dollars ($80.00) which you
can get at the bank. If you dont want to use
it and can loan it for a year where it will be
safe loan seventy-five dollars and keep the rest
for the expenses that has incured in sending money
I think I shall not stay any more pay money until
the end of the year it is to much risk in sending it
and I have kept enough to last me in spending money
Some of the boys think we shall get home by Christmas
but I dont make much calculations on it it looks
now as though the rebbels could not hold out much
longer but if they possibly can they will their object
is to keep up the war until the next presidential
election in the hopes of a president being elected
that will favor them. I hope that we will not have
to stay in another winter — I believe I have wrote all
the news so good Bye at present Write as
soon as you get this Write all the news.

G. & B. Kimber

William H. Kimber

That section forty-seven hundred and forty-five, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge, or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension, or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be granted or issued, or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person, authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receive the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

Approved February 28, 1883.

No. 1051228

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

William N. Kimber

PAYABLE QUARTERLY

BY THE

DISBURSING CLERK,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Group 2

Clerk.

in the middle got some supper and laid down about midnight our pickets discovered the rebbels planting three batterys in three different places so that they could rake at us from all sides, and we got up and left, we started about one oclock and got to camp about daylight, none of our boys was hurt but one of the skirmishers was killed and a wounded On the evening of the eighth we had orders to be ready to move the next morning at daylight, we got ready and waited untill noon when we started in a south west direction, we went about ten miles to a little town called Versailles and camped about midnight it commenced raining and rained most of the next day, in the morning we we fed got our breakfast hitched up and waited untill about ten oclock when we started in a north west direction on a dirt road for two miles when we struck a pike and went to Eagles-ville we stoped and got some supper and started for Triune distance five miles, when our advance cavalry came to ~~the~~ our pickets that were at Triune they took one another for rebbels and fired at each other, the pickets run for camp and we halted untill Gen Davis came up he knew that our men was there and he sent one of the regimental flags ahead and started on, when the pickets found what they had done they felt rather cheap, all the harm that was done was one horse wounded before we got to camp it was so dark that we could hardly see our hand before us, we turned into some woods got some rails and made a fire it stoped raining before we got to camp and and we lay down in our blankets and passed a tolerable comfortable night the next morning we did not get up until sunrise which rose clear and pleasant we stayed there untill the third day about ten oclock when we went back to Eaglesville

that looked green. We have had a good deal of rain since Christmas, as sure as we leave camp it will rain before we get back, we are lucky so we don't mind it much we have good overcoats rubber blankets and leggins so that we are nearly water proof, but if we do get wet we don't mind it much, we feel better when we get dry.

Good. I told you the last time I wrote what we done in camp, now I will tell you what we do on a march, we generaly have orders to move at daylight we get up at four o'clock feed our horses shave eat then while the cannoneers get breakfast as soon as we eat we hitch up and stand there some times two hours and some times we move right off, we march a while stopping occasionaly when we get jamed up together, when we halt to rest the infantry set down we get off our horses set down for fifteen or twenty minutes then the drum rolls fall in, we don't stop for noon but if we are not hurried we stop about four o'clock the men all run for the nearest rail fence and bring a lot of rails, the drivers unhatch, unharness if we are not afraid the rebels will rout us, go to water, by the time we get back we can find where we get feed, we get our horse take a bag and go for corn, when we get back the cannoneers have got a fire and generaly have supper ready if it looks like rain we put the tent up if not we lay it down on the ground lay on part of it and then turn the rest over us, we sleep as good as though we was in the best feather bed and better than we do in camp with plenty of hay under us and nothing to do, I had rather march all the time than lay in camp, unless we are on a forced marches the way we was last fall going from Nashville to Louisville then it don't go so nice. I shall have to stop for fear I shall write so much that you can never read it, I havent got the best place in the world to write in. Write as soon as you get this.

Wm. A. D. S. Kember

William A. Kember

K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for July & Augt, 1864.

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Vandoren Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Feby 29 to June 30 1864

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: Disch'd Mch 20/64. Reenlisted Vet Vol Mar 21/64. G.O. W Dept 191 1863.

Book mark:

Vandoren Copyist.

(358)

K | 2 Indpt. Batt'y. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on

M. and D. Roll of Veteran Volunteers

of the organization named above. Roll dated Rossville Ga, April 3, 1864.

When enlisted Mch 21, 1864.

When mustered in April 3, 1864.

Bounty paid, $ 35 00/100; due, $ 340 00/100

Battery to which assigned

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: Advance Bounty received $25.00

Book mark:

Pennington Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Battery, Minn. L. Art'y.

Age 23 years.

Appears on a

Detachment Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated Rossville Ga, Apr 3 1864.

Muster-out to date Mar 20, 1864.

Last paid to Oct 31, 1863.

Clothing account:

Last settled June 30, 1863; drawn since $ 100

Due soldier $ 100; due U. S. $ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd $ 9 34/100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., $ 100

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100 100

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: Discharged by virtue of reenlistment as veteran volunteer under the provisions of G. O. 191 W. D. series of 1863

Book mark:

T. A. Johnson Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for May & June 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Clybome Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Mar. & Apr. 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Clybome Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Batt'y. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on **Special Muster Roll**

for Dated Apr. 18, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks: * ~~Transferred from Co. "A" 101st O.V.I. by special order No. 41 of Brig. Genl. Jeff. C. Davis, Transfer to date from Mar. 1, 1863~~

* As shown on Roll,

Book mark:

Clybome Copyist.

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K. | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb. 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

C. Hutton Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Mar & April 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Woods Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Oct. 18, 61, to Feb. 28, 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't $ 100 for

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Woods Copyist.

(358)

K | 2 Indpt. Batt'y. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt Capt. Hotchkiss' 2d Batt'y Artillery.*

Age 21 years.

Appears on

Battery Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Ft. Snelling, Minn., Mar. 21, 1862.

Muster-in to date Feb. 20, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Feb. 20, 1862.

Where Ft. Snelling

Period 3 years.

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100

Valuation of horse, $ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, $ 100

Remarks:

* This organization subsequently became 2 Indpt. Batt'y Minn. Light Artillery.

Book mark:

Woods Copyist.

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Statement of Service Reference Slip.

Office Pension

Claim No. IC 1051228

William H. Kimber (Name.)

, Co. 2 Indpt. Batt'y Minn. L. Art'y

To Med. Div. April 6, 1916

For report

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Johnson

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No addl. medical record found.

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At the outbreak of the rebellion the township of Quincy did her part toward its suppression. Sixty of her sons went out in response to the long roll, and some of them never returned.

DOVER.

The broad domain of Minnesota did not furnish a more inviting spot to the eye of the early pioneer than the territory now embraced within the boundary lines of Dover. The township is essentially a prairie one, though an occasional thicket is found, and there is some timber along the south branch of the White Water, which winds through the town from east to west. The marshes and springs are few.

The first permanent settler in Dover was Leonard Knapp, who came in May, 1854, locating on the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 26. Judge Thompson came later in the same year, and located on the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 14. Joseph Drake also came in 1854, locating on the N.E. ¼ of Sec. 10. Robert Robertson and John Clarkson came in the fall of the same year, locating on section 36. W. J. Rank came in 1855, locating on S.E. ¼ of Sec. 21. R. L. Cotterell came in 1856, locating on the N.E. ¼ of Sec. 3. Elmer L. Fowler came in 1855. Uriah Carpenter came in 1856, locating on section 13. John R. Henry came in 1857, locating on section 28. Jerome C. Ketchum came in the spring of 1855, locating on the N.W. ¼ of Sec. 5.

The Stevenson family came in 1855, locating in the northeastern part of Dover and southeastern part of Quincy. A. P. Stearns came in 1857, locating on section 24. Francis Monty located on section 24 in 1856, purchasing the claim formerly owned by Mr. Waller.

Emery H. Dewey came in the spring of 1856, locating on the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 19. John Fraser in 1855, locating on section 23.

The Denton family came in 1857, locating on section 24. Isaac M. Childs in 1856, locating on section 12. Chester Phelps, M. Whitmore, John Lasher, George Kendall, G. C. Sheeks, G. T. Wilsey, Simpson Smith, Messrs. Niles, Bolt and Purdy, G. A. Kimber, Hiram Cross, William Merry, George Bortol, Simeon Harding and Elanson Richards also number among the pioneers of the township.

The first religious service held in the town was at the residence of G. A. Kimber.

The first birth was Rodolphus, son of G. A. Kimber, which occurred October 17, 1855.