Peder E. Lomo, Son of Erik Lomo
Served in the Civil War
Was a Sargent 77th Co. 2nd Batt.
M.I.C.

Per Lomo's Wife Oliana(Elset)Lomo
on Right Side.
Their Daughter Oline Lomo who was
the wife of Ole Ramberg. left side
Their Daughter Ovida Lomo who was
the wife of Louis Howe. standing

Some of this will be written as Peder wrote it, and some how it was interpreted.

Louisville, Kentucky
December 15, 1863

Dearest Mother, Brothers, and Sisters

"God's mercy and peace from Jesus Christ be with you from now until eternity. Amen."

"Over 2½ years have gone by and I haven't heard from you. Therefore I will now take my pen for to let you hear from me. First I will thank God for His grace and mercy."

Peder stated that he took part in a bloody war for over 2 years. He mentions his dear wife. "God had mercy on me and God saved me from rebel's bullets in time of danger. They flew around me like hail. I withstood all these ~~left~~ things until Oct. 4th, but then my strength ~~and~~ had to call the hospital my home for a month and 6 days. Then it changed after my regiment had gotten a name among our enemies. On the 26th of December we marched to go forward but didn't get very far. We shot on the enemies while our brigade and took from them 1 cannon, 6 horses, and a few men. Our brigade lost 3 men and 11 ?? (This can't be figured out). But that is just the beginning of what it would be. Then around Dec. 30th they really went at it in earnest and it really got bad. By Jan. 3rd they lost 15,000 men that died. Our own loss was about 9,000 men and you can't think how the ground looked. What went on in the soldier's heart to see his dear comrades lay slaughtered on the ground made my strength give out and I had to go back to the hospital and I had Chronic rheumatism. He was then at a different hospital until 8th of June, but then wanted to go back to regiment which he found at Murfreesboro, TN, but he couldn't do much. On June 24th my captain Gen Rosecrans and his army went in a Southern direction, but didn't come near the enemy. They came to Winchester, TN the 3rd of July & at this place I was declared by doctors unfit for any further service and thought I'd get discharge. But

then came order from war department that they would call it an invalid's corps and many got into this service on account of Health and I left my regiment Aug. 23rd in Stevenson, Alabama and came to Head-quarters the 4th of Sept. three Hundred English miles, namely in state of Indiana. I was there until Sept. 30th. We got in ? Company Oct. 5th. We came here and I'm in a Hospital again. I have part of Company under my command. There are three Corporals from old regiment and the time went good. after I came I had regained my Health somewhat, so I am thankful to God for His grace and mercy.

After I left my regiment they came and we enlisted in Scandinavian Regiment 45 which is biggest of an regiment. Col. Hans Christian Hauge got a bullet on the 19th of Sept. and died on the 20th. He was the Commander over the brigade. Lt. Col. O.C. Johnson was taken prisoner. The Major, and Adjutant ? and Second Capt. were killed. God alone knows what time this terrible blood bath will stop and will give us our peace back. He didn't know how many widows and fatherless widows left to cry to God for loss of loved ones.

I have letters from Norway. They have an all together false impression of America and believe that the unemployment follows with this war.

The rich countries feed their soldiers without sending millions of wheat every year, thus we get peas, and then again will have good food.

He talks about big costs of war.

The last April I wrote a letter from this city to my dear relative Hans Strand, but haven't received a reply. A few days ago I had letter from wife. She is in good Health. My Children talk about me she says. From Jens Moe I recently had a letter. Is a 2nd Lt. from 3rd WI regiment of Volunteers and has it good he says. But Here I am sending my picture. Dear brother if you receive these lines write back soon.

Greet my wifes mother, from me together at my relatives and my wife and Children, the dearest greetings from brother Lomo.

P. E. Lomo ~~Esq~~
Sergeant 1st Co. 2nd Bat. I.C.

Address at Home:

P. E. Lomo Esq.
Martell P. O.
Pierce County Wisconsin
North of Ameriba

Louisville Kentucky December 15tende 1863.

Hjertelskende Moder, Søskende, og Svogere!

Guds Naade og Fred fra Jesum Christum vore med Eder fra nu af og til evig Tid Amen.

Over 2½ Aar er hengaaet uden at höre et Ord fra Eder, hvorfor jeg nu vil gribe Pennen for igjennem samme lade Eder vede mit Befindende: Förat vi jeg takke Gud for hans Naade og Barmhjertighed, som [illegible] naadigen haver ladet mig vederfaret i saa mange Stykker, og er nu ved et godt Helbred.

Som de formodentlig för veed, deeltog jeg i denne blodige Krig for noget over 2 Aar siden, dog ikke uden Overveielse, og raadförte mig med min elskelige Kone, men fandt det for min Pligt at hjælpe til at dempe Opröret, da jeg til den Tid havde nydet det Gode at blive beskyttet af Landets Love. Jeg haver siden den Tid maatet udstaae meget jeg förend ikke haver prövet, men Gud haver naadigen staaet mig bie og befriet mig fra Rebellernes Kugler i Farens Stund, endskjönt de flev rundt mig lig Hagel. Jeg udstod alle disse Ting til den 4de October f. A. men da gav mine Kræfter af og maatte da kalde Hospitalet mit Hjem for 1 Maaned og 6 Dage, men da vendte jeg efter mit respectede Regiment, der havde erhvervet et Navn ogsaa iblandt vore Fiender. Den 26de December f. A. havde vi Marchorder at gaae fremad, men kom ikke langt förend vi stödte paa Fienden ved vor Brigade vi formet strax Slaglinie, og fratog dem 1 Canon, 6 Heste og nogle faae Mand, vi fik af vor Brigade 3 döde og 11 saarede,

men dette var Begyndelsen til, hvad det skulle blive. Vi havde med smaae Afdelinger Slag hver Dag til den 30te December men da stødte vi isammen for alvor, og intet Menneske kan tænke sig til den Music, som da kom for vore Øren, og som vedvarede til den 3de January; men da rømte de Marken efter at have et Tab af omtrendt 15,000 Mand i døde, saarede og fangne. Vor eget Tab var omtrendt 9,000 Mand, og de kan selv tænke dem til hvorledes

Slagmarken saae ud, hvilke gjorde et dybt Indtryk selv i den hørdede Krigsmands Hjerte, ved at see sine kjøre Kammerater ligge lig slagtet Foe paa Marken i Dynger. Mine Kræfter vare medgaaede og maatte gaae tilbage til Hospitalerne, og led da af Vatersaat og Chronic Rheumatism. Jeg forblev da paa forskjellige Hospital til den 8de Juni, men enda ikke curet. Jeg søgte da om at faae gaae tilbage til mit Regiment hvilke jeg fandt ved Murfreesboro i Nørheden hvor jeg forlad dem, men kunne ikke gjøre nogen anden Tjeneste end vore min Captain behjælpelig i Regnskabet, hvilke han satte i min Haand. Den 24de Juni maatte General Rosecrans Army gaae fremad i sydlig Retning; men kom ikke langt førend vi stødte paa Fienden, hvilke vi drev forand og og fratag dem hele deres befæstede Linie, og ankom til Winchester Tennessee den 3de July. Paa dette Sted blev jeg af Doctoren erklæret udulig for videre Feldtjeneste, og troede da at faae min Afskee; men saa kom en Order fra Krigs Departmentet, at dem, der kunne, skulle overflyttes i samme Rank til et kaldet Invalid Corps; thi mange havde i denne Tjeneste forloret sin Helbred, og vi nyder saaledes vore samme Rettigheder, som dem, der er i octiv Tjeneste. Jeg forlad mit Regiment den 31te August ved Stevenson Alabama, med nogle andre fra mit Regt. og kom til dette Hoved Quarter den 4de Septem omtrendt 300 engelske Mile længer nod, nemlig i State af Indiana. Jeg forblev der til den 30te September førend vi kom i noget organiceret

Company. Den 15th October kom vi hertil og haver
her at bevogte Hospitaler. Jeg haver en Afdeling af
af Campaniet under min Comande, der iblandt
haver jeg 3 Corporaler fra mit gamle Regiment,
og haver det for Tiden udmærket Godt. Efter jeg kom
hertil haver jeg gjenvundet min Helbred nogen lunde
saa jeg nu haver Aarsag til at være Gud taknemme=

ley for hans Naade og Barmhjertighed. Strax efter jeg forlod mit Regiment, kom de i en haard Trefning, saa vi forlidste af det Skandinaviske Regt 45 pr. Cent, hvilke er det største Tab endnu noget Regiment haver lidt siden Krigen bród ud. Oberste Hans Christian Heg fik en Kugle igjennem Livet den 19de September, og døde den 20de. Han var en ~~høitrespecteret Mand~~ [illegible] anbetroet Commando over en Brigade. Oberste Leiutenant O. C. Johnson blev tagen fangen Major og Adjutant saarede, og 2de Captainer dræbte. Saaledes kan de heraf see det ~~at det~~ haver gaaet blodigt til, og Gud alene veed hvad Tid denne skrækkelige Blodsudgydelse vil standse, og give os vor dyrebare Fred tilbage. Ak hvormangen Enke og Faderlöst Barn er det ikke der raaber til Gud Vee over Rebelian for deres Tab af deres jordigske Forsvarer.

Jeg haver erfaret af Breve fra Norge, der haver bliven offentliggjort, at de haver aldeles en falsk Mening om Amerika, og troer at Arbeids löshed følger med denne Krig, og mange Norske saaledes haver maaket lade sig hverve. Nei min kjære Paarørende, det er netop det Modsatte; thi Arbeids Kraften er steget 100 pr. Cent, og Nöden haver ikke bragt. Nogen ind i Armeen; men national Stolthed, for at besvare Friheden, og nu haver vi ogsaa for Øie at udrydde Slaveriet der længe haver været en Skomplet paa denne store Republik.

Vel veed jeg at Krig medfører store Omkost-
ninger; men dette forarmer os ikke saa meget som
mange ved et löst Overslag vil troe; thi dette rige
Land föder sine Soldater og uden paa sender
Millioner Buschel af Hevede til Europa aarlig.
Saaledes saamart vi atter faaer Fred vil vi igjen
have gode Dage, og efter min Formening kan den
ikke være saa fjern; thi Rebellerne haver nu forlist

de storke Puncter og næsten al Communication, og mange af deres Fornødenheder er steget til en uhørt Priis. I forige April Maaned skrev jeg fra denne Bye et Brev til min Kjære Svoger Hans Strand, men haver intet Svar erholdt. For faae Dage siden havde jeg Brev fra min Kone, dem er ved god Helbred og haver sin gode [illegible] Godtaksommelig for hvad [illegible] vil beskikke. Mine Børn tale ofte om mig siger hun.

Fra Jens Mae haver jeg nylig havt Brev, han er frisk og rask, og er nu 2nd Leiutenant ved 3de Regiment Wisconsins Volanteer, og haver det nu godt siger han; men haver maaket udstaae meget siger han, hvilke nok er Tilfælde, han beder at hilse til Elvenum. Det ryglés nu, at de Søndre nu haver tilbydet vor Regering Forlig under Betingelse; men jeg troer de maae tage Forlig uden det.

Hermed sender jeg mit Potræt, Jeg troer Enul Julius maae have det. Kjære Broder dersom Du modtaget disse Linier skriv tilbage mart.

Hils min Kjære Moder paa det Kjærligste fra mig samt Søskende og Svogere; men vor Du med Kone og Børn paa det Kjærligste hilset fra den Ifra og hingeven Broder.

Ped E Lómo
Sergeant 17th Co. 2nd Batt. S.C.

Address til mit

Gjenv.

P. E. Lomo Esq
Martell P.O.
Pierce County
Wisconsin
North of Amerika