much.

Write & tell me all the news. I have sent off my Muster Rolls to Corinth to have the pay rolls made out. I think in 10 days we shall be paid and then I'll send you $600 if not more and you must pay up the bank for one. I never agreed to pay gold I think on that note. It was paper I had. You must have Philo see about it. You must keep a girl and sell all the stock you have that you can. You had better sell the pigs — not try to keep any this fall Tell me how many you have got yet to fat and if they are good ones —

No more.

Yours truly O. F. Pinney.

P. S. When you are down town get the children's likenesses taken and send in a letter Send me $1.00 worth of stamps.

. If you see any one who is coming down here I want you to send me some shirts by them. Philo will know.

O. F. P.

that belong to the Battery. Those horses in the Battery are put in my care and those Officers and men are paid for taking care of them and they must while I command the Battery. I have just the same power as a Colonel am treated as such and am placed so I have to use authority and that, some of them do not like. But they cannot help themselves. Petitions won't save them. If I wanted to resign I could not. They are not accepting resignations so much as they were. By the generals actions I think I am in about as good standing as anybody he has got in the Brigade for he often calls on me and we go out looking over the country. I have been up and dined with him several times — and the Staff. I am the only Artillery Officer he takes out with him in the Brigade.

This getting up petitions is done away with. It is a very good thing for Lieuts. To make themselves good fellows and shirk responsibility at the expense of the Capt but they have done. They know what course to pursue now.

I got a good chap at one of those leading Sergts. that said so much, today. I arrested him for disobedience to orders and reduced him to the rank of Private in fifteen minutes and there is one more that I know what he will get when he gives me a chance. I have given them a chance to get up another petition. See how they will like that.

I expect Jack Sutherland has told a good deal. He was here soon after it and they told him a good many things to tell in Monroe they can talk. I am all right. I don't know what they say now and don't care

and Thomas did get together with some of the Officers to encourage them secretly, and got up a petition for me to resign without any charges or complaints set forth so it was said. Well, I heard of it and sent word to them to send it in; I was ready for them and also their charges. But it did not come. They dare not send it and the very men that were so fast to have the thing go on were men that were more glad to have it stopt and today I dare them. I have got the notes against them set down that I do not fear them and the consequence is it is the best thing that ever happened. They will do their duty now without any trouble. Now, some of the folks in Monroe do not like it because they cannot bribe me to discharge some folks that are in the company; then again I have some young men that would be gentlemen but in my estimation and duty that I owe the Company is a strict impartiality to all so far as duty is concerned and that course I shall ever pursue so long as I am in the company, let who dislike it that may. I am no Infantry Captain that has some 40 or 50 men. I have 150 men 140 horses & mules with a train of wagons guns, 4 carriages, blacksmith shops etc that will reach longer than 2 regiments of men, with 3000 rounds of ammunition and they must be fools to think I will allow those horses & mules to starve by being neglected or lost, or allow some of them to pick up all the loose horses they see and feed them out of the horses' grain

Head quarters Camp near Jacinto.
July 16, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I received your letter yesterday. Was pleased to hear you were all well. I am well. I think I have worn out the Diarhea for I have had it ever since I have been here until this week and now I feel as well as I ever did. It is very warm here We seem to have gone into quarters to stay for awhile if the Enemy does not drive us out. They attacked a place 6 miles from here yesterday a.m. and also this morning. I was up before day and every man stood to the guns for 1 hour but they did not come so we went back to our tents They say they are about 20 miles from us. They got a splendid position with a Battery supported by 2000 men. You spoke about big stories being told about me in Monroe. You need not give yourself any uneasiness about me as far as the Stories are told. I am not responsible to The people of Monroe nor to some of those that have sons here with me. I use them well and protect them and at the same time make them mind and that is what's the matter. I have over $70,000 in my hands in property that belongs to the Govt. and there is not a man in the company that is responsible for one cent but me and I calculate that those men will help guard it and take care of it and when they do not they will have to be punished and if their folks do not like it cannot help it. I reduced Sergt. Thomas for I could get no good of him and then I made a Sergt from a man that was low in rank. The older Sergts. did not like it so they and

constable fiddle if she is agoing to be a good girl. I want you To write longer letters and more news. Do you hear anything from Fond du Lac? I am posted on a knowl, a very strong position with the woods all cut down and if enemy gives me a call, some of them will stay a good while. They are about 30 miles from us. No more this time

Yours truly

(Signed) O. H. Penney

Camp near Jacinto Miss
July 13, 1862.

Mr. Miller is here from Monroe and I will send you a few lines by him. I think now we have gone into Summer Quarters for the present. We are in a very good place for this country.

I do not hear from you very often. I want you to write oftener. I am well - in fact quite well but 3 Lieuts. are sick. I buried one man yesterday, the first that I have lost. His name was John Ross of Monticello.

We have not been paid off yet. I hope they will let us be still a short time now. We fell back at the time we went out to the front expecting to go to the Potomac. I think we shall go further south, before we move. I think I should get home this summer but it is doubtful now. I durst not say anything about it at present but if I do come I shall not know it till the last moment. It is very difficult for anyone to get leave. Tell me all about the crops on the farm when you write, and the children. Tell Dora I am a going to get her a

amount to between 6 and 7 hundred dollars to pay debts with. I hope we will soon get out of debt with everybody.

Jefferson C. Davis commands our Div. now. I have been transferred to him but yet we are all in Pope's Division the same as we were,

June 27.

I have just received your letter and will try to write a few lines more, We moved forward a little yesterday and now I have just got orders to move again (but do not know where) with 5 days rations. I shall have to leave my sick behind somewhere. I have the diarrhea some again.

you had better call the boy Mbuchadnezzar. As for the butter - keep it before you sell for less than a shilling. Your eggs I'll give 25 cents a dozen if you will send them to me.

Tell me about how the children are and if they are good.

yours

O. F. Penney

Lieuts Gardner and Mills are sick and the Orderly Sergeant is quite sick and there are about 20 on the sick list besides but none of them are very low. It is now 2 weeks since I last wrote. We thot we had gone into Summer Quarters, fixed everything and went to drill the Officers. Had to get 2 lessons a day and recite them to a Board of Officers - but all at once orders were issued for our Div. with 2 Batteries to get ready at a minute's notice to march. We marched that night, got to a camp ground about 12 o'clock not knowing where we were going. We hear that there is an Enemy some 20 miles a fortifying. Scout around and we are waiting for news. Our direction seems to be on the line toward Alabama. Things are so uncertain We may go back to where we came from and we may not go back at all. I left all my sick behind and sent the Doctor back yesterday quite sick. I have 5 or 6 mule teams loaded with provisions and forage with me and in a timbered Country at that with very few people.

My pets we shall not get paid off this 2 months now as we were ordered off out of reach of all paymasters. I commence today to make new Payrolls for 2 more months the Govt. will owe me for 4 months pay the last of this month which will

get out of debt. If we are lucky in this battle we shall be at home in the fall, I think, should the Dons not kill us all.

I am stationed on the extreme left wing of the whole army under gen. Hamilton in his Division and if there is anything to do we shall be attacked first.

If there are any of the heifers fit to kill or steers early, tell Phils to sell them to the Butchers.

Write often,

Yours truly

O. F. Pinney.

may be attacked in an hour. I think we shall compel them to attack us if possible as this our lines are 12 miles long and close to them all along. What the result will be God only knows. We have our men all picked out for to fetch in the wounded with badges on their arms that they may know them.

If Phi got a horse that can't be worked he must swap it off. I wish I had my horse at home for I can get a dozen here for nothing if I want. I wants you to write if you do not hear from me for sometimes letters are detained here quite a time before they are let go down the River. I want to hear from you: How you get along and the children. Also this country does not agree with me. The water is as soft as rain water and it affects everybody almost. There is a great many sick in the company. Tell me what you have done with the wheat — if you have sold it and the beans. When I am paid I shall send all the money I can. I hear Steward is coming down here and should we be paid off I will send by him. If corn fetches this summer anything, sell everything you can to

Camp near Corinth Miss
May 21, 1862.

Dear Eliza: I received a letter from you yesterday. It is the first one for three weeks. I hear by it that you got the money I sent you. They owe me $4.00 more now but I do not know when they will pay; probably not until after the battle. I have had the diarrhea on me since I came from New Madrid and it has reduced me quite low I lie in bed all the time I can get. We have to move every other day one 3 or 4 miles nearer the scene of action. We today lie within a mile of the enemy pickets and 3 mi. of Corinth. Our guns are all guarded and in a position. We do not unharness night or day. Day before yesterday we had an alarm. I had not been up for 2 days but I was on my horse until dark with the battery Then I went to my camp and lay down until morning. All is quiet but the pickets are a firing at one another all the time, At this we

fast as I could dig it up. What are you going to name the Baby. I cannot think of any here. If you think of any send it on.

I have 140 horses and mules and 30 mi. to draw forage and provisions and it keeps me with something to do. I will write no more this time. Truly Yours.

O. F. Pinney
Capt Battery No 5.
Wis. Arty.
Popes Div. Army of the Miss.

of him so prepare the way for a nigger at home for he is a good one.

As regards the paymaster - I think we should be paid off before this but just as the paymaster came we were ordered to make an advance on Coupons and the payment was ordered not to be made at present but as soon as we can get settled I suppose it will be paid. They will soon owe me for 4 mos I have just received your letter of May 15 the mail comes direct to me now as I am very near Headquarters of Pope's Division. always direct to this division and as you have until further notice

If any of the cattle get fat have Philo sell them to the butchers in Monroe for to raise money to pay your expenses with. I expect John Stewart down here every day to get signatures from those men who are willing to send their money home to their friends. I want you to write to me often if you do not hear because I cannot always get paper and materials. Sometimes I am so mis. from my trunk.

we will all be home toward fall if we live but whether we do or not some of my officers have to do more than they ever did before for I have thrown myself on my dignity as I am the only responsible man in the Battery for I have receipted for over $60 000 and I calculate to protect myself if I can and the consequence is that I stand in the same position as a Colonel, have the same power, the same business and have got to maintain my position in regard to the command and it hurts some of our officers feelings to have to conform to the rules and restrictions that are incident to war in the face of an enemy and I suppose they will write home some hard stories but that will make no difference with me and they begin to find it out. Now I have got me a nigger waiting on me. My boy I sent home. I could not get any good out

Louisville. Ky.
Sept 27, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I have just got thru with a 35 days march and am not killed yet. I have not been able to get a letter through the lines since we left Jacinto I am well but pretty well tired out. Hope to find you all well. We have had a very severe march all through those states – over 400 miles and marching a good part of the time nights with all the people for our enemies, The company stood it quite well, Only 2 sick. I have had no Doctor since we started. Lieut. Hill is better than he was. I suppose you have heard of the death of Lieut. Smith. I expect I shall stay here a very few days to fit up for a winter campaign. My horses are quite reduced. We have 175 000 men in the city. I should think they would let us stay a few days to recruit and send out some of those new troops to the field. I don't think there is any danger of being attacked at present. The men have all got quite used to being alarmed, whatever may be the results hereafter. If I knew we should remain here 10 days I think I would send for you to come down here. I want to hear from you. All our communications have been cut off so long I hardly know what to write that would be interesting. I have just got the order to move about 2 miles from the city and get the company ready

for a new campaign but where it will be I do not know. When we came in to the city the people were all standing with bread and pies, cigars etc giving to the soldiers. They were rejoiced to see us but such a dirty looking set there never was — 75 000 in all, all grease and dirt officers and men alike. I have to buy me a new coat and have no money to do it with tho I expect if we stay for a few days we shall be paid off. I want you to write as soon as you get this and tell me all the news and how you are getting along. I saw Dr Blackman — he is a Lieut-Col. in an Ohio Reg. Tell me if you have heard from Burlington this summer. I have not had a letter from any one since we started and I expect we'll have to go back into those states again this fall. Let me hear from you at once. Direct to Gen. Michels 4th Div. 2nd Brigade. Army of the Miss. Louisville, Ky:

Love to you all.

D. F. Penney, Capt
Com. Battery. Mrs: Mrs. Arlett

Camp on the Battlefield
near Perryville, Ky.
Oct 10, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I wrote you a few lines at Louisville not having time to write more until now. We have followed Bragg until yesterday when he got reinforced and made attack. It has been a hard fight. All to I am safe as yet I lost one man (killed) by name of Smith, one mail wounded 3 horses killed. I was in the fight 3 hrs and 20 min. without any support at all from any Infantry. Whatever. I cannot tell what our loss is as yet but I do know it is very severe. The dead are not yet buried nor all the wounded taken up yet. Bragg left in the night after the fight with all his forces & did not leave on the field. It is an awful sight to go around and see the legs and arms and men with no heads on them. My battery saved Mc Cooks Division from being destroyed. I two Regiments of my Brigade are all cut to pieces. I am the luckiest man in the world; Gen Mc Cook sent for me this morning & wanted to appoint me Chief of Artillery of his whole Division but Gen. Buckel would not let him take an Officer from his corps as he said he wanted his own Officers. You will probably hear from it somewhere at all events but I have got a name just as good here at it was back in Monroe and a complete victory over all my enemies in the company. They feel it. Wm + Geo Tucker are here in a regt. from Milwaukee close by us. They were in the fight or some of it. I was the last man that left the battlefield with the Battery and fell back in a line and went on to battery to protect men of ours picking up the wounded.

They charged on me in the night. I gave them all the cannister they wanted. I buried my own dead and brot the wounded away with me, and all my guns an that is what many of them cannot say. Ask some of those knowing damn fools in Monroe what they think now about making their sons mind. I have as good a battery as any man in the Service and have saved my men by making them lay down the shot and shell as thick as hail sometimes. The whole army is burying the dead today. It is sickening. I have so much to write I cannot get time. I received 30 letters in Louisville and have not had time to write one of them an answer until now and no time to write more. I got your letter with the Baby's likeness. All those that have seen it think it is pretty nice. I sent in Hill's trunk some tools. I suppose you have got them. While at Louisville I was transferred to my old Brigade again and it got up quite a feeling among the Officers of the two Brigades. If I have no friends in Monroe I have them here and those men in my company know who their friend is now. When you write direct your ~~company~~ letters to 30th Brigade 9th Division which is Gen. Michels Army of the Ohio - Pinney's Battery No 5 Ubs Arty. You tell Philo to tell Mrs Haley that I have not had any news of Oscar her husband sincer her father left Jacinto, Miss; that I have no control of any soldiers except those that are with me and I can do her no good unless he is with me. My love to you all. The God of Battle saved me this time, Yours,

O. F. Pinney

Headquarters 5th Wis. Battery
30th Brigade. 9th Division
14th Army Corps, Dept of the Cumberland.

Dec 21, 1862
Camp Seven Miles from Nashville.

Dear Eliza:

I received your letter but since I have sent you the money by express. I am well. It is now a settled fact that I cannot get home. All the you may hear that I am on the road, it is not so. I managed by being chief of arty. to get on at Gen. Rosecrans headquarters with some officers of his staff To assist me in being ordered to go to Wis. and get some men that were drafted to fill the Wis. battery. I succeeded in getting it done all the different Headquarters and in fact I that I would eat Christmas supper with you all. Rosecrans signed it and sent it to me. I was to start tomorrow morning. I had it already I that but a Col. wanted me to stop on the road and Take charge of some men. When I came back he had to send a letter to Gen Rosecrans to get his signature and something turned up — I cannot tell what — but I got an order to report to Headquarters, Forthwith when I got there Gen. Rosecrans told me that I could not go he should countermand the order. He said I had not time to go Three. I told him I would be back in 10 days he said I had not that time, that I could not go. I suppose we shall make a move before that time. He told the Asst Gen. that it would not do to let me go, so the game is up. You spoke about my not being Chief of Art. I rode on the staff of Gen Wordruff about six weeks and I got tired of it. I was away from the Battery so much that my pay would hardly support me to keep up my end and when Davis came on I told him I wanted to be excused and he excused me to fit up the Battery as we had just got off the fall campaign. The pay is but little extra — not enuf to support the position and that is. What I supposed Mich O'Brien told while in Morine. Enclosed you will find a note sent to me by Gen. Rosecrans to Asst Adjutant that I am reappointed to permanent appointment and that makes me one of Jeff C. Davis's Staff Officers. He says he will not oblige me to go with him all the time. That leaves me with the battery enuf to control it at all times I told the men today that I should