

Well I dont know but I have
written all that I can think of this time every
thing is going along here every day the same
so I have no news to tell you. I sent that
certificates that the express Co. gave me
home as in a letter to you it is a fine
good name since the money has got
through all safe

Tell Mame I will write
to her in a day or two she
must want me to write her
my name to day for Peet is
visiting her and she would think a letter
from me now would be of no account

Well that is all this time
write just as often as you
can & tell how every thing is
coming on

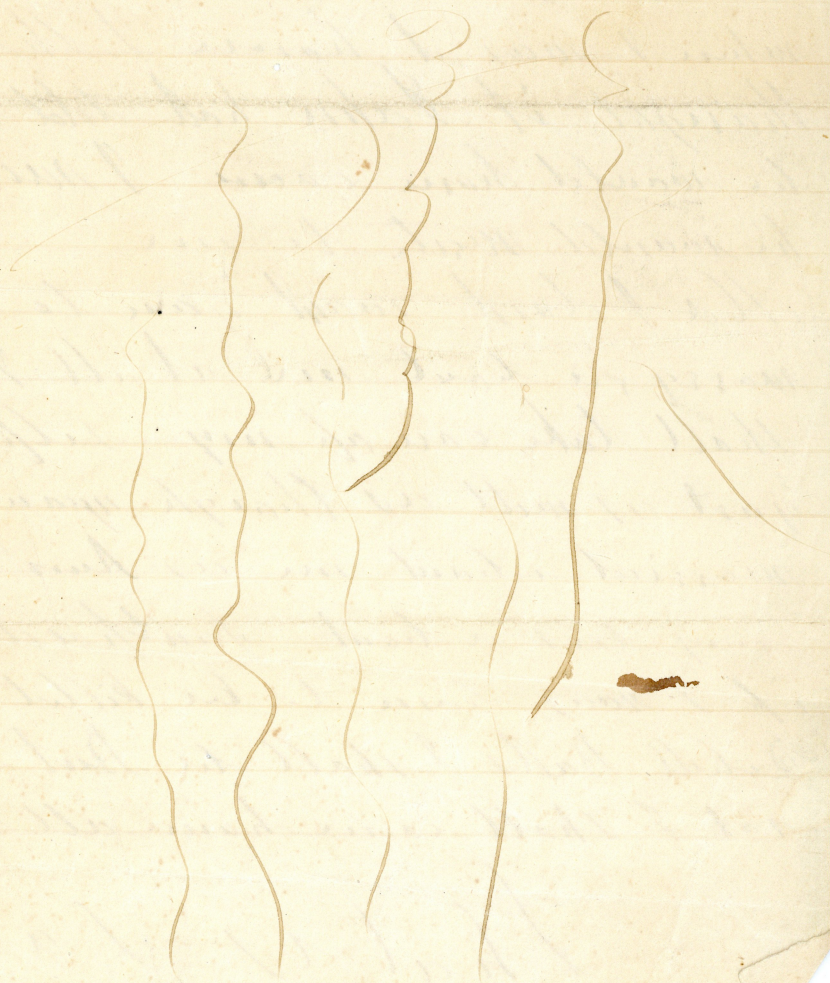
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That I wish you would
let tell Shantrose I would
write to him if I were able
to direct my letter But it
kind, a stick in my crop why
he did not come and see me
when I was at home I should
thought if John had told him
he would have come I wish
he would write to me

Now I dont want you to
worry, a bout me at all I
shall take care of my self
just as well as though you
warrid a bout me as Aunt
Fanny does a bout Southard
if I was here to be killed by
Pebble Balls I shall be But if
not I shall come home all right

That is La

Full Pa te susite. etc etc
And all the rest etc etc
I guess that is all etc etc etc



roared in horns up news. it is hard
for our friends to have us go, and
it is hard for us to leave dear
Friend at home. & go where we
are exposed to all manner of evils
& death. But it is a merchants calling
& must be answered to. if our homes
& friends are of any comfort
to us, we should not hesitate to
expose our lives for them. some we
must do it. & those that know the
go will feel that they have done
their duty. Then when our Union
is restored & Peace declared and
more & the Sultan that is lucky
enough to return home again all
sound (as even if he is not as sound
as he was when he entered the service)
I want to feel much happier than
the man that has stuck at
home all the while & done nothing
to defend the rights of his country
I think he will. I know I shall
& I shall value just as much right
to live in the United States as
long as God lets me live as any
other man. Well said. I guess I
have written enough this time
than you will have Pendants to
read & nothing that will interest
you either. So I will close by asking
you to write soon & remember me
as ever your faithful & loving Adrian

movement & most affectionate love ever given Adrian

one more my dear wife
you shall ever have
you know. I feel my self
obligations to you for
sending me more money
for me just now.

Will Sarah I am a going
to scribble a little more this after
noon & see if I can think of
any thing to write that will
be of any interest to you. I
do not know as I shall I
short promise passage. But I
will do the best I can to make
this interesting. - But as I said
before - there is no news here
I must create some. if I write
any, did you hear "Sarah" say that
she was more glad to get a
letter from me than I news to
get one from her? if she told
you so you tell her for me that
I cant hardly believe it. although
she may think she is right
I think I am too. I guess upon
the whole we are both right
what do you think - Darling -

Oh yes I almost forgot to thank
you for being so kind as to
come & see me this morning.
I think I shall keep you here &
not let you go home again
until I go. do you think you
can stay a week from home
so long? I hope you will
get that school this winter
it will be so near home & handy
for you. you could live at K's
& have gay Old times. then
I would give any thing if I
could come home a gain. This
winter I would come to your
school as sure as fate & I
would be just as good I would
not make a bit of noise
wouldnt you like to have
such a good Ray as that
come to your school?
Why Lizzie I dont see why

mate. W. need to think that
I would be mad. because she
nt that letter Sunday. I had
because have a letter written
day as early day. although I
suppose some think different
I dont. Kate I do not think
have to go to work to answer
her letter it is such a quick
thing. if I could be as com-
cal as she is I could ans-
er it well enough I hope she
does not think that I am mad
as any thing of the thing kind
for I am not. I am very glad
she writes to me. & I will
answer it as soon as I have
time. Then Ozelle has got to
go to work at last I am sorry
for him I feel sorry for me
too she will feel so bad to
have him go. But so goes the

Well Sarah I am getting tired
and it is getting late But I have
got this little piece of paper
left & I dont know what els
to do with it so I will scribble
a little more If you ever see
Mats Fay ~~again~~ I wish you
would ~~ask~~ ask her if she rem-
embers how many Brothers she
has got & if she remembers
what the oldest ones name
is I have had only one
letter from her since I came
from home I do believe Sarah
that you are the only true friend
I have got you are the only
one that writes to me Oh I
did get one letter from Mathis
but I saw your hand writing
on the envelop ah yes I
forgot I got one letter from
Eva Willcut two or three weeks

Late I am glad to hear
that you have made a resolution
to be a more useful life that
is just exactly what I intend to
do I have all ways tried to live
a good moral life. But I know
I can & should do better than
I do & I will start from this
time to be better. Well Dear it
is very late & I must close

please except my love with
a thousand good wishes &
wishes from Adrian

Sarah

I hope. I will not seem unliking
to school boys

Sadie I will say
as you did. I have not bathed
you quite enough yet so I
will continue a little longer.
I have got so much I want
to tell you that I can't think
what to say first. it is
most always the case when
any one has got a good
deal to say then is the time
they can't say any thing
it is so with me to day
but I thought I must write
to you to day for to morrow
am I shall be on guard
and will have no chance
to write.

Sadie I don't make
it a pretence to be shaming

yours likeness to any one. But
the time Cephus saw it I
was looking at it and he
came and sit down where
I was. But he dont know but
what it is "Lyds" did you think
I would be publish enough
to show it to all the Boys
in the company?

I was down to the Navy
Yard yesterday and I thought
I would go and find Melt
Kingsley and I looked around
a bout a half a day and
didnt find him so I gave
it up I dont know
where he keeps him self.
I hope Rest and Sur
mont get married until
I get home for I would
like to go to one Wedding

Well it is most time
for drill and I shall
have to leave you Dear
for this time But I will
come and see you in
a few Weeks Good Bye
Write if it will be
convenient for you to
Yours with much
Love Adrian

Sadie I am not a going
to write any longer has a letter
I am a going to write one every
day now till I get one from you.
I am so sensible that I dont
know what to do with my self.
I wish I had have staid at home
till to day. they wouldnt have
said a word I dont believe if I
had. I am a going to try and
get a pass next week if I
have to stay here till then
and go to Washington I can
get all of my back pay if I
could get to Washington
then I wouldnt care how much
they ever send me to the Regt
or not. though I have understand
that I should hold the
Honorable position of
"Sergeant" if I ever come
back a gain. "Butler for
Co. 7." I shant complain if

they see fit to raise my wages
to 24 dollars a month

Well I must go and get a
paper and see what the
news is. Good Bye

Truly,

Sincerely yours, Adrien

Thursday

Dear Sadie. I received your
letter of the 28th this morning
and was very wery glad to get
an other letter from you.
I commenced a letter to you last
night and thought I would
write till this morning and
then I would finish it. But I
have been at work this forenoon
and have got to work this
after noon. So I shall have
very little time to write much this
time. But I will write or scribble
a little for I know you
will expect me this week and
if I don't get this into the
office by 3 o'clock it won't
get to Gt. Dalby this week
so I shall have to hurry for
it is most an o'clock now

I do wish I could see you
Dearest. I have so much to
tell you that I can't think
what to write first. I have ~~been~~
been looking all the while for
a letter from Minnie. I wish
she would write to me.

I am a good deal like Ben. I
would be glad to ^{see} any thing that
ever passes in Shinton. With
the exceptions of Mrs. Harry
I don't know as I can bear
seeing her if she hates the Gay
tribe so. I thought there would
be a falling out with the Gay
& Harveys after a little. Mate
told me all a heart her and
Erwin. But I did not think it
near right at all. I thought she
was hurting her self as much
if not more than she was
any one else by doing as she
did. Will write I can't

write any more this time
But I will write again
Sunday if I am here and
tell you all the news. I will
write any news whatever I am
here ~~or~~ or not if I can
give my respects to Minnie
and all rest of the good folks
of Shinton. I would send
Ladie my love. But she has
it already with much respect
I am as ever your own. Ed
Write to me Sunday will
you & tell me all the news
Ladie Ed

Excuse all mistakes for I
have written in a awful hurry

Thursday after noon

Sarah I will write a little more if I can think of any thing to tell you. It is an everlasting cold rainy Windy day. I would not like to be out on the water to day for the Wind blows you cant get home hard. And the Great waves that are dashing up against this "horrid" Island is enough to make any one dread a "Sailors" life. I have often thought I would like to be a Sailor. But in such a storm as there is to day I think I had rather be on "Terina" "Terina" or as the "Paddy" said on the old "Butter". The report is now that there is a lot of us to be seen on way to morrow I hope it is true but there is no certainty of it. there is too much of such good news rumored around to be true.

it is so cold that I am making
haid mark trying to write my
fingers are almost as numb as
sticks. Then you have got that
Lang- "Jae Bawers" have you?
you will learn it and sing it to
me when I get home want you.
That is the "Soldiers" favorite song
as used to be it has got a haid
plaid cut now. I haunt heard it
in so long lang that I have almost
forgot it. your mother thought I did not
care much a haid coming a way did she?
I am willing folks should think so if
they want to I am sure. I know I did
not take me merry had. for what was
the use it would not help the matter
any to cry and make a great fuss
a haid it you know that some folks can
put had and still not show it
much if they are a mind to ~~not~~
had a great deal rather staid than to come
a way

write with you
and I am sure
you will
I am sure
you will
I am sure
you will

do you remember?
and if I could have had my way
I cant it I would have staid too.
But Phaw what is one year longer
it will soon fly a way. and then what?
Posting it is so cold that I cant write
worth a cent so I guess I had better
stop for I dont believe you can
possibly read this. But if you cant
put it into the fire and see if it
will burn
Write again as soon as conven-
ient Dearest and give my love
your true and loving affection
Excuse poor writing for my fingers
are "fused" almost
your mother once I wanted to kill you and
me just long enough to kill me and
you know you had your own mind to do
eddy says "I hate to kill the "schach"
you would not let me? you are of the
you remember once I wanted to kill you and
me just long enough to kill me and
you know you had your own mind to do
eddy says "I hate to kill the "schach"

Thursday evening

I guess if I keep at work
I shall get this little finished
after a while. That party
Mary Ward sent you was
very sentimental indeed.
I am very sorry that
Millers folks are making such
a awful fuss about that
letter they act like Tom Pauls
I am sorry that I didnt go to
Leyden and tell her just what
I thought about her telling
such stuff. I think that would
have been the best way and
they wouldnt have stayed their
ways by this time. Dont you
think I did wrong in not doing

10. I expect Tom Millers cuts
some big snells doesnt he & tells
big stories like all the rest of the
holders

Well Sat. I am enjoying
my self as well as I can much
better than I did at Washington
I am trying to take care of
No. 1 the best I can my shoulder
has all healed up & I can use
my arms a good deal. There is not
much prospect of getting my
discharge as going to my Regt
very soon. I can stay here
and do guard duty as long
as I please if I want to
If you get your likeness taken
& will be so good as to send it
to me I will be very very
thankfull indeed if you send
it immediately I will be very apt
to get it I dont think I shall
go away from here in a month
week or two yet & may be
not in six months. if the militia
promote you to Hospital mess
to what Hospital do you think

she will send you to?
she wont send you to the
16th Regiment will she?
I dont see why it need to concern
her so much about you a pair
I wonder if she thinks you dont
know enough to take care of
your self.

Friday after noon
Sate I was taken sick last night
while I was trying to write to
you. & I had to go to Bed
& I am the more I feel a
little better than I did this
morning. But I shouldnt
wonder if I had the fever
yet I havent set up a hot
day. I havent written half
what I meanted to. But I
cant write any more this
time write soon
Yours for ever

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