

Ellicottville sunday [August] 24th 1862

With pleasure i answer this we ar all usually well and hoping this may find you the same there is no drafting a going on there is volenteers fools enough yet Com is no Captain yet he has volenteered for first lieutenant and i think that he will not gow for that untill he is Elected by his company and if they knew him as well as i do they would not elect him Marve has enlisted and Bill Root thee fools ar not all dead yet but there chance is good yet keep clear of them and i will let you know at any time by the wa of Jacob Jule Schultz is at home he says there is Damd hard times in the army his Brother Charls is a prisenor tade is maried to Elen Cass Mary Reynolds is mared to a yong Murphy

yours truly

Peter D Oyer

[Peter D. Oyer, father of Clark E. Oyer, who enlisted August 18, 1862.]