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BUNKER
PAPERS, 1863-1864
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CHRISTOPHER WREN BUNKER
1863-1864
Folder 1 of 1
Oct 17th 1863

Dear Sister,

It is by chance I write, I have no news to

report only that we are going

in a fight, all and this they are

wearing cavalry. The part fight this morning

we are going to get an other here if there

of me songs we have been ours the present

the best and I want you to send

John Smith and that word where we

are going to have some letters this week.

The weather is very fine and writing much

Shillings for I know and think to write

everball thing to anyone at length, he may be going. The Lord have that

neighborhood. I have sold and I am well

at present but very

hungry.

Yours ever,

Mrs. Harris
But if you want to send any word you can write it on the back of this. I will look at it in my letter, do your best, write him a letter & direct it to him at the place named in the letter.
Sister Carol Annunciata  
Nov. 2nd 1842

Dear Sister,

It is a little pleasure I have to learn directly to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I have not much to write you only to express that I was with the rest of the NEGROES this morning, only the Negroes, and some others, and some of the men. We moved from our old camp at this last. We had no long and since we have seen you not much to eat and we can't get much more only when we buy it and we can't buy much for I have not drawn any money yet. You said you heard the grapes had failed. The word said that is a mistake. The grapes are not ripe yet.
The works mean they have tore up
the railroad grade in this country and
burnt all the things that they
could get to. They shot made me
some winner clothes for me cannot
wear anything in this earth.
I have tried new ones going to
Corry home I daily be the earth if they
be you will ask for the ballerina
and never been asked to sitting and
wont nothing if is not more than
they ought to do.

So to the city as well been that
Brookes been and John Doe
he was sick and drug for a treat
for education. I have not heard from
him an earth since.

I have just received a letter from
you and I do not know how
long I have been wrote it seem that
I shall another place should like
very much to see the Relic
American. You must write now
and give all the news.
I must bring this letter to 
and give my respects to all enquiring
friends.

I said I sent your letter to
Auburn, but we are
thrown up the railroad in
the edge of Tennessee west
of Carlisle station.
B. K. got home again.

From April 1, 1864

...the end of the...
Camp Davis and Tenn
Nov. 15th 1862

Dear Sister,

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to write to you. I am well, at present, and hope when these few lines do reach you to find you and your family enjoying the same blessings. We have been here at this camp about a week and 1 do not know how long we will have to remain. I hope to hear from you soon. Much longer we will remain no longer.

About two weeks ago we went out in a scouting party and was gone about five days. We traveled three miles and a half. We made a halt the second night and I was gone over the rocky road and the mud and the worst place I ever saw and the
next morning we ran up on the Yankees, pocketed and captured them, and went on to a little town call Rigord and there we saw a little fun cock, Yankees we captured about 650 Yankees and started back about twelve o'clock and traveled all night that night and in the whole week we did not take a single off of our horses but once or twice, and did not feed but one night a day and when we got back to camp every horse in the Battalion had the scurvy so bad that they could hardly travel. My horse traveled the distance bore bad it any bad and he had not about four weeks and went on that much and traveled so hard that he is now nearly dead. When Drummond & I had the fall and the loss of the boys so well you must send me two or three pairs of
...words by a piece of glue... I told
my friends on that charge... all.
The gentleman you must make
them record... send... send them
not because your own, yet
I do not think I will come
here. This protects your
must send me another blanket
for the weather is getting very
cold and hard... you must
write soon I will have to bring
this letter to... close as I... getting time to go about...
Dear Sir

I must write the present occasion to let you know how I am getting along. I was the day getting to Canon after I left home. I arrived at school every day but one and when we got to the river I was too fat above Crowne under and we made it and got to Canon. That evening we walked three miles over a hill since we got near 10 miles of withville. Expect we will go to Walthall tomorrow. We are usually full passion at this time for both men and horses. The weather has been very cool.
since I have come out and it is very cold here now it has been raining and snowing for seven days what will be done as fast as possible the roads are very muddy almost untravelable.

I hope to see you and Mrs. America of the very soon. There is not much here in bank only there is a man to be paid in money for insurance. I must bring this letter to as soon as you must write your direct your letter to Mrs. America.

I am well at present and hope you writing will find you.

Yours as ever,

[Signature]
Dublin, B. C.
May 14, 1864

Dear Sister,

As we have to rush a day at the camp April 23, I am not able to write as full a letter as I would wish to give you. There has been a great deal of trouble and excitement. I have been marching about three weeks and our horses are very much worn out. We have nothing to feed them on but grass and march them only one and a half miles a day. Last Tuesday our men and we, with the banders, a few miles northwest of Natcher and drove the cattle, the men of the banders a few miles northwest of Natcher and drove the cattle.

The fight commenced, about one o'clock, and we fought them until dark. We were about seven miles from Natcher. We were about 1500 of them. I went into the fight.
John Greenwood was not in the fight. He is on detail out about Coldville. Direct yours letter to W. W. Thrall.

Yours,

C. W. Bunker

James Bulloch came out soft.
Lexington, Rockbridge Co, Va
June 24th 1864

Dear Sister,

As we have to stop and not go any farther, I thought I would write to let you know how I am getting along. We have been marching every day for 30 days and we do not get anything to eat. Our horses are starved and we are now behind the command. Recruiting them up, we have been four or five fights since we have been away from the Yankees, and I have been taken prisoner two or three times and to slip through their lines one time in the night.
I have seen all of the boys that belonged to the 3rd C. Rgy. I knew them at Lynchburg. William Bums said that the part first traveled from his people six or seven years and he told me to tell you to tell his people. He said that he was well. Davy Greed was well also. All of the boys is well from that neighborhood except Young was taken prisoner at the fight at Saline. The bankus took a great deal of property from this country. They took about 500 negroes and four or five thousand head of cattle and about fifteen hundred head of horses. Same well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same.

Best,}

C. W. BUNKER
Dear Sister,

I am with pleasure to take this opportunity to droop you so you can see how I am getting along. We are not doing too bad, but I have not been able to write for some time.

I do not know when we are going to leave for Pennsylvania, but I expect we are going to leave tomorrow. I am writing to let you know I am here.

I hope you are doing well. I am sure you are missing me. I am taking care of the farm and think of you often.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

July 3, 1864
Three times they have taken
Sgt. Young & three other men
out of my regiment & land
a hard time on running of
them &c. They ran me of &
my poor backed himself &
seems very large &c. I have
the last of the 27 ladies &gentlemen
that lived & ride miles this
side of Lexington. Dr. Rockley
County has sent me a writing
he said that the people look after
the care of their mail & I got fifteen
on your last for your end
of I should get called & directed &
This write your best friend &
get him. If I am well at
this time & seek them
I may & ask them
to write & send me
a return here & for your dear

When I write, you is the best
that ever saw & ever
right is very good, plea
to try directed. I shall try
this letter to a close & you
must set them &c.,
direct your letter to Dr. Rockley

Supt. &

Jeff Runke

The mens name that I
left my letters with is
A. Lindsey

Lexington

Rockley

Wc.
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Camp, near Cairo, Oct. 12th, 1864

Dear Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters,

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to speak to you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was captured the 11th of last August and brought to this place. I have no more of interest to write to you as there are plans almost to come for promotion. You must write to me as soon as you get this and let me know how you are getting along. I would like to hear from you all as it has been so long since I heard from you. I hope it will not be very long before I hear from you and see you all, though I see no chance for me to exchange. I have not seen many well days since I came to this place. I have had the small pox and have now got the chills and I hope that I will be well in the course of a week. The small pox did not go very hard with me. I did not confine myself to my bed until about five weeks. I would like to have some clothes as I have not got but one suit and need it for my summer goods but it is impossible for you to send me any from home. We are drawing very light clothing here just enough to keep the breath and body together. I must bring this to a close and I hope I will find you well and doing well. Direct to General Joshua Klumser Ohio and put this in another envelope and direct to Judge Child, Office of prehchuy Richmond Va.

Remain your son, as ever, O.W. Bunker.
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