for two or three days, but no feeling better this morning! Porter, Hart & Lynn are all in the hospital. So they were there yesterday. Sarp Porter as pretty sick! Our Assistant Surgeon has left for his a few days since. Now we have but one Surgeon. I think he might just as well be at home! The boys have no confidence in him. So if they can get along without, will not ask anything of him. I hear that the draft in Wis. was to commence yesterday! Have you heard from Hamilton yet? Do you know who the fortunate ones were in bomb anon. that are to work for Uncle Sam. I should think the Army of the Potomac would be large enough to need sheddalling before a great while. I see there is a prospect of something being done in that quarter, before long! Your Cld. Son, Yours truly,
of dust! We have quite warm weather but the heat does not affect us as greatly as yesterday. P.M. & I went to the village & while there looked through the upper part of the Court House. It has been a very fine building I should think. Both the rebel prisoners taken around here & deserters from the rebel army are kept in the court room. There was 43 there yesterday. A portion of them are having their trial now. If you find there is a good show for them to pull hempo with nothing to stand on! They are bushwhackers! Three rebel deserters from Bragg's army came in & gave themselves up this morning. They left a week ago yesterday. They have been in the rebel service two years. General dissatisfaction exists in the army. & the 34th Bragg will be all of the R.G. I'm & H.P. Troops! Over One Hundred desert the same time that they did. As well as we can find out there is a fair prospect for warm work in the front. I heard yesterday that the were fighting in the front now with Burnside's forces between Franklin & Bragg. A. Bowie killing 13 in the rear! If that is the case we doubt there has been warm work before this! The boys that came in this morning say that the opinion prevailed that Charleston must come down & that there was no use of trying to do any thing more! The boys are the most of them feeling well. Elia Brown has been up for a few days back & the Surgeon says he has the fever & ague! Ed were feeling very well yesterday. has a nice position. Think about Reinion has been un
Dear Father,

Your letter came to hand last Wednesday, and as it is not bed time yet, I will commence a letter book tonight so as to get it off tomorrow. I find when I sit down to write lately, that there is very little to write about; I would not wonder if my letters were a little dry. Perhaps we may get into the field again some time, and then I may find something interesting to write about. Things move on about as usual here. Once in a while some of the boys will tear down a few rods of the fence that is intended to keep us here, (I suppose) occasionally the boysognito themselves by throwing brick ballots at the guards, causing them to leave in a hurry. Among so many soldiers there must be some tough cases. When the boys take a start, the guards want to keep out of the way. Last Sunday everyone that felt disposed could go out through where the fence ought to be. The fence around our grounds amounts to over one or two feet. The old sheik is on the Boyd lot. The stock would look for holes in it. If they couldn't find one, the world work till the made one. So with the fence around us, the boys will work and not very long for holes in it. If he can not find one, they will go at it, take down a few lengths. A few days since some of the boys were outside the fence playing ball. When ten cavalry men rode up and ordered them in, the boys refused to go, when the cavalrymen drew their revolvers, the chaps traveled towards the fence but managed to have a pile of bricks on their way. Then the...
practically where they told the cavalry they thought they would go as far as picking up a few brick balls. Made the 100 -- readables into uterus. We had plenty of music during the night. For the last two or three days, the squelching is not as bad as it was, and I keep it up all night. They can't see over the floor, jump on the butts, quite lifelike. I'm often the boys find their bread. Walking in the morning, I have been expecting to see James come along for the last few days, but have not seen anything of him yet. I have been told that a grand of Mauk's, Thursday from Madison, but James was not with them. I mistrust she has been fooled out of coming. The balance of the 22nd has not reached here yet. Mention they have started since the 28th of April, they are here yet. One of the boys, who said a letter today, from one of the boys at A -- saying that there was a good deal of sickness among the boys. Three of C. C. have died since they arrived at A -- Three of C. C. He also has died since we left there. Dr. L. there in the hospital when we came here.

We have not heard any letters from C. C. boys yet. We have heard from our officers, as late as the 28th of April. The officers were all well and in good spirits, except Linn, who is in jail. They are all well, except one of the boys who was left sick in depot. It has since come to Americola. Adolphe has recovered. Col. W. is feeling well. Have a lot of seeing about the regiment. A landsman. I wouldn't wonder if the good people of the town were a little excited about now. I think it will be to not for the boys to stay here. If Hooker should be successful, we were mustered for two months, pay the 30th. Our descriptive roll was received today. The Major says we will receive our pay next week. There is $100 due, plus, including pay for station. The money will come very acceptable to the most of us. The news tonight from Hooker's army is very good, and keep the base rolling. Your affectionately, Dwight.
Sunday Morning

Dear Mother,

It is a splendid morning, everything is looking pleasant. When we came here it was quite dry, but there has been several showers since. Yesterday P.M. it rained nearly all of the time, but this morning it is clear. It is warm. James did not get along last night. I conclude he has not left Madison yet.

We were very glad to hear from our officers again. Do not see why you did not hear from Ed., for I know he has written to you since we left home. He told me that he would not write very often on long letters. But they were allowed to write on passes. Paper costs something 35c. a sheet and a many envelopes cost 3c. So Ed. had but little money to spend, but he had his watch, which he expected to be allowed to sell before they were released. The room in which the officers were confined was not very dirty, but there was an abundance of mice. Brigadier Generals, Captains, Lieutenants, all hunted sparrows for diversion, as well as to add to their comfort. The officers were allowed two blankets each & there was bread for 10. Our boys were obliged to drink on the floor. When we were there. Have you written to Ed. If I do not think Clinton B. is in St. Louis, as I have not seen his name mentioned. I had my books all with me when taken prisoner, but gave my testament to Ed. while at Richmond. I have made a testament which I read. The papers that you sent have not arrived yet. Perhaps they will get along in a few days, I have not seen any thing of Mrs. Greenwall yet. I do not know what bad Mrs. Sturgis think of me? I was going home soon, unless it was because some of the boys were getting out. Through the thought I was one of them. I should get our pay this week. There will not be as many boys there, in a short time after, as now. I shall write till
till the 1st. I think, if Uncle Sam is in a hurry to give me
a furlough I will wait a while. If not, I will not say what I will do. I
think I will take salt. Mr. Waring's advice, I go to live. The lot was very
annoyed that we should have another opportunity to see our friends again.
Before taking the field. If you should send me a few things, I would like to
have you ask Welsh to fix me a bottle of cough medicine. Ed has the
inflammation. Making it, so I would try the heart of the self myself. My
cotton handkerchief slipped out a day or two since, so I am obliged to
wipe my nose with my fingers at present. I wrote you a few lines Monday
and Tuesday. I suppose he is enjoying himself at home now.

The boys here are feeling well. Most of them there is three of us
here, that I am afraid will never be able to take the field again.
To B. W., John, E. B., Benjamin, Knight. Neither of them had been
very well for some time before taken prisoners. Ben W. has a very
bad cough. Yesterday he spit a little blood. I am fearful that he
will never be a well man again. He certainly will not if he stays
here. Oeta is feeling quite well again. I read a letter from home
last Tuesday, and cabled the same. The boys are to be very much engaged
class study, two to three a day. Since I have been out of the
area of this shoulder soon! I would like very well to be at home to
more make garden. But if you had not better wait for me to come
Walter. Must take my place. The news this morning papers con-
firm the news of Hooker's advance. So far, I hope he may be successful
but think there will be a bloody battle fought there soon. The news
from all quarters is very encouraging. Only one point where our
forces are not in small strength, that will not be what I want. The new at A. will
not be very likely to come here till after the battle. 8. 0. 1. is received, & Chinese
drawn back. Pay is not very full, $2. I will close. Write to Walt. See me soon.