Palmyra 1862
Mso Jan 18

Dear sister,

I take my pen in hand to let you now that I am well at present and hope that these few lines may find you all well. I am well pleased with camp life yet and with the army, and the way we live. I am better satisfied since we have had a battle with the 29 of last month and traveled 3 days and even took up our quarters at Sturgeon the 26 and the 27 one company went...
on a scout and they got in to a camp of secesh and they fought them till they got whipped out and they retreated and come back to camp they say it caused a gradual of excitement to wear they was cut to pieces and the captain taken prisoner fore he was a good man the boys all wanted to go to have a fight with the rebels we was on guard that night when the captain come around and took me and another man to cook up rations and be ready to start at two o'clock the boys was the most of them eager to go so when the time come we started and traveled
It was a bright day, light when we heard a gun was fired. The ticks well went on and at last our advance guard came up. Then in a field when they began to fire from a corn field but they were soon routed out of there and run to the timber when we had about the hardest battle that has been fought in Ohio we had about 4,500 men the general ordered two coats Companies of infantry to attack them on the left but they did not go according to the right.
Come in at a bad place when they got in to a hard place when the cavalry was ordered in when they rebels begun to fire in to us and the balls begun to rain around us like hail but we got stood out to our ground till they begun to back when we begun to whomp and hello when they begun to kite throw the wood bushes and us after them we had 3 killed and about 20 wounded on our side and about 25 killed and 75 wounded of the rebels I must close as it is roll call good night no more at present my love to from William to rodana Kesler
June 21, 1863

Dear Sis,

I take this pen in hand to let you know that I am well at present and hope that these few lines may find you all in the same state of health. I received a letter from father yesterday evening and was glad to hear that you were all well. There is some talk of an attack here now. Just as I got the letter last night there was fifty men detailed from our company to go out and stand picket guard and I was one of them and before we got started it begun to
rain but we but our vile cloth blankets around us and we did not get a bit wet although it rained all night but I did not half to stay out all night for the mayor went with us to post the guards and then he wanted two men to go with him to Camp and I got to go in with him there is no talk of us all living here now I have no new news to write so I will close give my love to all the friends and write soon no more write soon.

Win If Keeler His to Delila and Rosan Keeler
Camp [Illegible] Oct 31st 1863

Dear Sister,

It is with pleasure that I sit down to pen you a few lines to let you now that I am well at present and hope that these few lines may find you in the same state of health and to let you know that Father had got to camp he arrived here tonight before last and found us all well and in good spirits and he likes our camp very well and he says if he was not quite so old he would join our regiment. I wrote a letter to Joseph a day or two ago and told him that I had come out to see me and James Morford we have had a good big feast since we got them boxes of cakes and things of all descriptions James Morford and John F. Stirling and these best respects to all the friends so one and more but write soon to one and give my love to all
the friends and neighbors
so no more but write soon
from your most affectionate
Brother

Wm. H. Kesler

To

Rosan Kesler

Direct to

Camp Meagher, Rolla
3rd Mo. Bvt. Regt. in evac.

Col. Glover

Feb.
Carroll January 11 1863

Brother Al Fester Dear friend I embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present hoping the few lines will find you all well and in the enjoyment of the same blessing good health I received your kind letter of the 24 and was very glad to hear from you once more. The I was very sorry to hear of the death of Joseph. This is the fourth of the wicked rebellion and consolation is that Joseph died in a glorious cause fighting the battle of his country. Jackson Roberts came home on furlough from Columbus last Friday and took dinner with us yesterday we are looking tomorrow for the body.
of Capt. L. C. Cowgler he was killed at the battle of manitowoc. knowing he is to be buried here. Jeremiah is at the present time at Hickory the last letter I received to him he was at Memphis I suppose the right place to direct your letter to him would be Memphis Tennessee. 114 regiment Georgia in care of Capt. Nathan Yeager. Susan Shoff tule is living here she is getting along very well her boys two here sick this winter a gradual recovery are well and the Roberts family are all well Rozes are all well with the exception of Albert he has been sick all winter he is better now tell Delila and Jackson and Morfit that I will write to them before long but not write fore me I have a good many letters to write.
Robert received a letter from William Kesler last week he was well and well satisfied Robert is at the present time teaching School out at the Holmesville district near Fremush Gehrig he boards at home he walks out and back morning and evening he gets 2.00 dollars a month I want you to tell Elizab that I am bigger than I was when she that I was sick I'm my hair is getting gray almost half of my hair is gray my hair yesterday was 173 pounds and still getting heavier Robert weighs 160 Lewis weighs 165 and Martha about 125 next Friday we have a protracted meeting commenced and the next Tuesday the no we have a ministerial association to coming we would like to have you to come and attend our meeting
I want you to write soon
I must close now and at present
but I remain your affectionate Brother til death
P. Shoppell

Mr. William H. Kirby

Miss Rosamah Kirby

P. Annie Shoppell
Dear sister it is with the greatest of pleasure I am writing to you this Sabbath morning to pen you a few lines in answer to your most welcome letter which I received in due time and am happy to say it found me in good health and glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well. I wrote to Pap a few days ago and told him all about the fight that I had to tell but you may guess that I done some tall dodging when the balls began to whiz around my head but if they had of hit one I would have had the pleasure to now that I made a hole through one of the seers with my old gun and he dint move I tell you
we killed one general two colonel and in all 52 Officers and i cant tell how many men we did kill but they put there loss in killed at 150 and a about the same number wounded and 70 prisoners we took our orderly Sargent is a going to write a peace to the Champaign paper and if you get a hold of one send me one of them i have nothing to write so i will close any have to all enquiring friends write soon as this comes to hand

William H. Keller

To Robert Keller.
I am a going to send you some seash money to see what kind they are and give six one bill writing pretty near out of stamps.
Little Rock Ark April 20th 1865

Dear Sister

I sit down this mom for the purpose of penning you a few lines to let you know that I am in good health and hope those few lines may find you in the same enjoyment. I received yours of the 10th a short time since and was happy to hear from you and learn that you are all in good health. I should like to have been to the supper given by the good Templars for I know they must have had a fine supper and a pleasant time. I think you would have been fixed if I had been home the
day you had so many visitors but I expect that I would have spoiled the enjoyment of the rest of the party with my gaiety. I am glad to hear that you will not open my package of letters that I sent home by Mrs. Reed. But tell Mother not to be too sure about them being from the girls. And that I will read a few of them to her when I come home. But cannot promise to read them all as it would take up too much time and they would not be interesting to her. The joy of the Troopshere was turned in to sorrow on receiving the news of the assassination of the President. I felt that day as though I could shoot any body that was a rebel. Oh how I should love to have the fun of putting the man...
to death that killed the President. My feelings were such that I could have cut him up into inch pieces. But never mind the soldiers of the North will avenge his death with a thousand lives. I want to see this war closed now. For the feelings of the Soldiers now toward the south is not very friendly. Sure I expressed $100 One Hundred Dollars home a few days ago by Parker's Express. I have nothing of importance to write so I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain as ever your affectionate Brother, Will

P.S. Please write soon and excuse me mistakes.