On Board

Dear Parents,

I write you these few lines to inform you that I am well and that these few lines will find you in good health. We had a very pleasant trip down here, and arrived yesterday afternoon. We marched ashore about the time when we were marched back aboard the boat until we could get a boat to take us to Helena, Arkansas. They tried to get a boat yesterday but could not get one that would suit us. May leave here this evening if we get a boat. If not we will go out to Benton's Barracks yesterday they came in a row boat aboard as soon as we landed to know if we were aboard to take me up to and Jones. He had him employed to come for us and let her know as soon as he arrived. But I am sorry that I could not go up to see her. She is not the country as soon as the girls said that we could not go up to see them they came down to the boat and brought me some pies and last night they sent me a handsome book by John also some oranges, apples, and nice peaches and several other articles. They are very
Kind to me indeed May Alice be she
has with them & she sent me a nice fingering
sweater May that my Corset Back is pretty well filled
if I get an opportunity I would lend my Neckerchief
to William the girls are very likely dressed and
look quite Ladylike they felt very sorry that I
could not go up and stay with them last night
but the Colonel orders was that no man should be permitted to go Deshore although I was permit
to go up on the street to see them yesterday
the 119 Illinois regiment Passed us on they way to
Bellefonte and yesterday afternoon the crew
so left here for the same place I must conclude
c as the Mail leaves Hurley give my love to
William & Margaret from you
affectionately yours
Robert Moore

P.S. I will write as soon as
I get to Bellefonte and if that
order should be countermanded
I will write immediately to war P.D.M.

When you write direct to
Louis 25th Regiment Iowa
Volunteers Company C

[Handwritten note: "I II"]
On Board Hiawatha
At Helena, Arkansas
Nov 12, 1862

Dear Parents,

I take this opportunity of writing you these few lines to inform you of our safe arrival at this place after one week's sailing & knocking about. We have been just one week coming. Above where the river was not in such a low state we would have got her three days ago we. And not leave St Louis for two days after John left and they have not got her yet the got aground at St Pleasant Mo. & got her on Tuesday a boat was sent from Memphis to take them off and we expect them here to night or in the morning. We got aground three times. Coming down the last time was last night.
He went ashore to wood and
ran the stern into the bank
and broke her sudden and afloat
away from the river about 3 or 4 miles
when a cotton boat came along
side and took her in tow and
brought her in to Helena. It is
not a very nice place. Very town
and swampy and about as large a
place as Salem or perhaps little larger
there are several nice residences here
one is that of Gen. Pillow and
another of Gen. Hindman. Boats
sail from Helena to the county back of the
town they tell me is very nice and
splendid plantations. But what I have
seen of the South I think is little
of a place I have seen any place that
I would live in. As yet there is
three gun boats laying off the town
ready for any emergency and it is
said that there is any amount of
rebels through the country here

This morning I saw a lot of Rebel prisoners that had been exchanged the Union cavalry were escorting them out of the lines. There is a large force here some 20,000 soldiers and several regiments one the Bay down there is a large force concentrated at Memphis and I think as soon as the river rises so that the gunboats can go down without any danger they will attack Vicksburg. They seem to think that they will take it without much trouble although the rebels have a large force there we had some little excitement on board our boat coming down by seeing some cavalry and as it was not time to give particulars I will write in a few days as soon as we get in camp which we expect to do in a few moments. The Colonel and Major have been out selecting a place the Colonel and Lieut. Colonel
Of the twenty 25 cover which came here a few days ago also out selecting a place for their regiment to camp where taking prisoners and have not been heard from since you will receive the Missouri Annual regular for one year as I subscribed for it at St Louis to be sent to you and I will send you occasionally some of the Southern papers I mailed some paper at Memphis or will a week tie in for William I must close as the mail goes out hasty I love here very attached I hope your get into quarters and give your the particulars give my love to Mother mother Mrs Williams Helena Arkansas 25 regiment 9 year role 25 regiment

Son Robert Moore

To all the neighbors
Camp Near Helena
ARK. Nov 25

Dear Parents

Your welcome letter of the 10th I just received & you cannot imagine what satisfaction it gave me to know that yours are as well as you are. I am very sorry that mother is unwell, but I hope & trust ere this comes to hand she will be well and in good health. Mother must take care of her health and not expose herself as much as she has and she must keep in good spirits as we are well provided for and I think we will be home by spring as the war cannot last much longer than it we will be together again. I trust
Enjoy that peace and happiness that is only found around the family circle at home. I do hope that mother and you will not grieve about me and all will fret in God be well. Yesterday I was out on a foraging expedition. The train was about three miles long of wagons we went twelve miles out in the country. When we came to a large field of corn the fences were torn down and the teams drove in each wagon holding about sixty bushels and filled in about thirty minutes then a great many of the soldiers went to taking fowls and chickens and every thing that came in their way we had several brought into our company. Some of our messes brought some honey that was very good.
The country is in some parts in a most deplorable condition especially along the line of march of the soldiers we went through one very nice piece of country & we would come to large fields of cotton some of them with over one hundred acres in and nobody on the place but a few negroes & some places nobody on them as most all of the whites have gone in the rebel army or left the state. I did feel sorry to see large farms without a rail around them and the buildings destroyed some, two or three large houses that we had passed that were left standing had the windows and doors carried off some had the weather Boarding tore off off the chimney pulled down other went go and take
Any thing they want that
they see i have seen them go
and pull down the plantation
Bell and Break it to Peices
when they could do nothing
else along some roads for
miles there is not a house
standing and on that journey
of twelve miles i did not see
half dozyn white men and
as i passed along a thought
how thankful yours ought to
be where all is Peace and
Plenty and no danger of firing
Taking out of you house at
night and it burnt as such is
very common here there
is a great many guerrillas here
and they are moving all the time
with folow from your son
Moyle
Camp Near Helena, Ark
Dec. 17th 1862

Dear Father & Mother,

I take this opportunity of writing these few lines to let you know that I am well and in good health & hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same. To-morrow-morn we leave this place and for what point I am unable to tell but the general opinion is that we go to Vicksburg we are in Gen. Steele's Brigrad composed entirely of Iowa troops and is said to be one of the best brigades in this army. Dear Paunts I am perfectly safe for I am working in the Bakery getting twenty-five cents a day extra and have no duty of any kind to do I am not at
all exposed and have rather easy
times we use a portable painten
oven to Bake in it holds a barrel of flour at a
time it is kept going day and night
there is two set of hands eight men
six to Bake one to cut wood & keep fires
the other to look for us each settwork
twelve hours we have thirteen hundred
rounds of Bread to make every twenty
four hours that we do without much
trouble we take the dough out of the
trough put it right into pans let
stand a short time & Bake it we
make pretty good Bread it is
calculated that it saves the regiment
four hundred & fifty dollars a month
the officers are all well pleased with
it and think it a good institution.
the weather here is now luttled and
is pleasant and trees here that are
called holly such as i have often
heard you speak about look green
and beautiful they keep green all
Winter and if I was going home I would take a small tree up to set out they would make a very handsome ornamental tree. We heard that they was going to draft in Iowa how is it if they do William must not go into it until he has to. We heard that Salem had to furnish only four men and I think there is enough farmers around town to make the numbers. Try to keep William to school as much as possible so that he will get some education and as soon as I get paid I will send it to your home is your hogs and crop going to have plenty I think by the time to begin to work for another crop it will be at home.

Dan pope died on the morning of the 15th and was buried the same day in the evening he had the
thyrotic fevers & being fever
lathe a member of the company have
dent their coats home I By express
in a large box directed to Beacot
almond I sent my coat and carpet
jack and a cap for William one
Munch for you the cap & things in
the coat pocket is for Will John has a
coat in the sack you will attend
to them they will cost you about
30 or 40 cents I Isaac hunt you to
get his things or you may have Barne
as Willis has come things in Isaac
carpet sack you may direct your
letters to this place as usual the
will be sent to us where we go I
will write as soon as we get to
our place of destination the
officers of our company are my kind
to me could not be any more so
When you write give me particulars about
crops & prices I must close for the present
from you Dom B Moyle
I am considerably hurried.
December 26th, 1862

On board John J. Roe, at Young's Point, Louisiana, opposite the mouth of the Yazoo River.

Dear Mother:

Brother, having an opportunity to write you a few lines, I embrace it with pleasure and hope they will find you in good health as I am at present.

Father & Mother, I hope you had a pleasant Christmas. I fared very well yesterday and John also. We had turkey & duck to eat that had been taken by some of the boys in Mississippi and they gave us some of them and in the evening we had oysters that one of the Bakers bought at Helena for you.
They know that we fared well for persons in our situation in the evening they had meeting a Board and it was a very pleasant one. A good many soldiers attended and they all seemed to rejoice their condition and took quite an interest in it. We are now at the mouth of the Yazoo River and expect to sail up in a short time. The poor Shots have gone up and some of the transports also. This is one of the largest fleets that has ever gone down the river. Must be there is a large one coming up from New Orleans that is to co-operate. I believe that the intention is to go up the Yazoo and come in the rear of Chickory and we will not have put nine one ten miles to march. Yesterday I seen some Rebels Cavalry. But as soon as they seen as they ran and I a few shots and is said to have killed two of our men.
at a mother place where we stopped talked with our men and wanted them to come to them & drink they said that they would not hurt them one of our men disarmed to them but on seeing a house fell fire to turned back and the rebels rode off in this expedition from memphis & Helena there is fifty two boats one of them have three regiments on board and there is eight or nine gun boats besides mortars & I think the rebels will have to have a most powerful force to hold Nicholsburg I don't know how soon they will attack that place but I think it will not be long & I think they will be very careful about attacking from the news that we got from the army of the Potomac they are used of rather badly by the rebels you cannot see a man decently along down I will not see 6 white citizens from Helena to this place and not a
Great many negroes it seems that the whites are all in the army. And the negroes they have at work over the fortifications. There was a few came to us at one place where we tarred all night and wanted to come aboard but they would not let them. We have three and two regiments of part of the 1st Foot Battery besides 400 cavalry aboard, and they are considerably divided in regard to the negroes. Some of them threatened to shoot them but the negroes are to be pitied. They are in a most deplorable condition; they are barefooted and ragged. I look miserable, a good many of the soldiers have them to look. I wish for them. I must close and wish you all happy New Year and hope we will spend the next Christmas together. My love to Villina, Margaret, Mary, Dorothy, and yourself. From your son.

John is well and in good spirits. Peace is well and enjoying the trip. Miss W. wished to be remembered to his family and yours.
On Board the North Western
January 8th, 1863

Dear Father C. Melton:

I write these few lines to let you know that I am well & that also we have a fight up the Yazoo River and a lost a good many men, our regiment lost three and killed and five wounded, there was only two companies of our regiment engaged. The war skirmished John company & another John company in it past day. We fought about six days and had to abandon it the rebels are very strongly fortified and we were obliged to retreat as fell back until you are arrived to call it we are now laying at the mouth of the Niles River (the whole fleet and where we are going cannot tell nor can any of us express the
officers dont know themselves this expedition has been an entire failure. there is a great many reports going don i think that we are going up the white river and dont say to helena we are 100 miles below helena but as i know we are going on what we are going to do i havent time to give you any of the particulars of this trip now as the mail boat is just going to leave but as soon as i get an opportunity to write again i will do so. i am not on the dairy boat with john as i have to look after the oven we heard that there was an armistice of 30 days granted but we have had no letters for 3 weeks and consequently dont know. i must close give my love to all. same is well. ro. moyle.
Arkansas Post, Arkansas
Tuesday, January 13th, 1863
Dear Father & Mother

With greatful

thank to divine providence i

permitted to write to you again

we have had a great deal of

moving since i wrote you last. we had quite a fight

with the rebels at Dickshurg. it

commenced on tuesday and

lasted until thursday when

we were obliged to take the

boats & retreat after losing a

great many men. one regiment

that made a charge on monday

come out with only 175 men

the rebels are well fortified all

along the river and at the place

on a high bluff so that the

gun boats could not do
and they had three Batteries or fortifications one above the other and rifle jotts all round and as soon as the men would be in range they would let out at them and they supported by heavy guns he lost a great many men in what they called the boosh pot made of soft wood and later worked and as soon as a man got in to that he would be fast a great many were killed while fast by the sharpshooters were ordered aboard the steamboat and Thursday night at 11 o'clock left the Yazoo started up the mississippi still we came to the mouth of white river we lay there two days and went up that river about 24 miles then took in the Arkansas river up to within four miles of this post we got in on Friday evening and on
Saturday Morning the Troops were marched out to attack while the gun boats were shelling the fort. They shelled all day Saturday and Sunday evening the rebels surrendered and got 6 or 8000 prisoners besides a great deal of arms and ammunition. They had two very large guns and they were both bust ed by the gun boats they threw 60 balls into the muzzle of the guns and burst them. The rebels had the place well fortified. It was on the Bank of the river where it made a bend and they had full drench it up and down the guns of large calibre the had in large log houses of three thickness of square timbers each piece 16 inches thick or square and had it not been for the gun boats we could not have done much like rebels loosed a great many men we did.
not lose many our regiment lost 12 killed and 50 wounded our company lost 3 killed Hale Henry Boley andrew Stanley corporal Thompson and three slightly wounded Hale Rhodes and another from corson Bill keffstedder is hurt on the shoulder by a piece of shell falling on him. The rest of the company is not hurt though we have a good many sick. We only had 40 men in the fight your company. John is not very well he has been pretty sick since we left Helena I home sick to but all the men are awful home sick and would like to see the war end. I am enjoying good health and still working in Beeky and you may tell easy about me. I am safe I would like to get a letter from you I have not got one from home since November so tell Will to write also remenber me to all. Peace is verctor will) from you long. We have little change to mail. Letter we are too much. I got a letter from Louisiana last nigt.
Louisiana

On Camp Oppost Vicksburg
February 15th 63

Dear Father & Mother

I received your letter of the 1st of January and was very glad to know that you are all well and getting along well and I do hope that you will be spared & protected & favored by divine providence to a continuance of the same until I get home which I think will not be very long. Make until next June I don't think the war will last very long. Than that time I think if we had Rich and Richmond it would wind up in two months but I fear the cry of the secessionists of the North for peace they have an tendency to prolong it. It is a shame that we have such men in the North that go round preaching peace when the rebels say that they will not accept any terms of compromise as anxious as
Am for peace and to get home. I would rather spend another year there.

Cry peace first it is enough to cry peace when they offer propositions and try to come on terms until then I say fight the Rebels as long as we are able.

Two or our gun boats cam the Blockade one last week and another this week. The Rebels fired a great many shots at them without doing any damage. One of the boats a ram ran into a Rebel transport loaded with hogs, cattle, and flour. The men that were aboard were saved. There was several officers aboard which were sent up the river to Memphis.

There is great preparations making here and there is a great many soldiers. Negroes working on the canal. They are cutting it seventy feet wide and will be completed in about two weeks. Then the boats will be able to pass the Blockade without any danger, and until then I don't think they will be any thing alone to wards an attack we have a
Very large force here and up the Yazoo and some coming down the Red and we are expecting Banks up very close to the above. If he is just to attack Port Hudson 100 miles below then come right up to this point the rebels have it well fortified and think if they are beaten here they will give up not withstanding the demonstration manifested up North for them by some there is some of the rebels come in almost every day and give them help up most of them have shot guns and say that they are tired of the war as well our men are all tired of war and go for a settlement if it can be done honorably. They want to get to their homes and families. There is a great deal of sickness here and a good many deaths. I am sorry to hear that the smallpox is very bad. On our way you ought to go and get vaccinated immediately and not go anywhere to expose yourselves as there are several cases off it here but now 200 deaths as yet that I have heard of.
I was glad to hear that your hogs Work so well. I think it will pay well to put hogs up earlier in the Pen. You can make more of them that way then letting them run out until fall. I want you to get in as large a crop as possible, this year for things such as the former raises will bring a good price this coming year. And if you can't get here in time to help put them in, I'll send you the licenses and you can do it as soon as you get here. I'll send it home and if you can get done nice then I would like to have you by me. Four or five them to day. John got a letter from Margaret and it gave great satisfaction to know that you were well in closed. I send you a piece of the Rebel flag that waved over the fort at Arkansas Post. I also a Confederate postage stamp. I must close my love to mother, sisters, Brother from you. John is working in the Bakehouse. Roll Moyle.
Memphis March 16th 1868

Dear Father & Mother

I embrace another opportunity of writing to let you know that I am progressing in health finely and hope your are all well and getting along. My health has improved very much since I came here. I am going about and gaining very fast and with the Lord’s help I will be well as ever in a week or two. I feel somewhat weak yet but cannot expect to be otherwise as my sickness is one that weakens a person very fast. But the care and diet he get here is the very best we get.

Chicken, soup, rice & bread pudding
Brush & milk tea & coffee toast besides oyster soup so that you can see that the fare first rate our linens & clothes are changed once a week and every thing is kept in nice order I think I will have a chance to go up to St. Louis in about ten days they send a lot up about every two weeks to make room for those that are very bad that come up from Vicksburg there is a great many sick down there they built a great many ad's and as the fight at Vicksburg is expected to come off soon they will want all the rooms they can get have you got any letter that I sent you with a piece of the rebel flag enclosed I hope you aid and still
William, I received his letter a short time before I left Lickburg and will write to him before long and Margaret I will write to her. I expect to see John here every day. James Clark was sent up the river some two weeks since, but was not expected to live more than a few days. We have not heard from him since he had been sick about four months. I heard in camp before I left that Crooks Clark was about to marry Mr. Rockey as it is so much at their will. The weather here at present is pleasant and feels like Spring. The Plum trees are out in Buds, and every thing looks like Spring. I suppose.
Up there it is quite cold. How is Aunt Jane's but getting along are they going on with it? I would like to know. I heard the conscript act had just Bill will not come in under it he is under age. I hope our colonel said we would all get home about July or August that the war would end. I hope to the good it will I am tired of it so is all the men I cannot think of anything more at present from your love My love to mother P. Moyle Margaret & William Remember me to all the neighbors I will write soon again.
Lawson Hospital St. Louis
May 3rd 1863

Dear Father and Mother

Your letter of the 26th I received and it quite revived me in spirit for I began to think something wrong as I had not heard from you in a long time. I am glad to know that you are getting along with your spring work so well and I trust you will have good crops this season.

I am glad your fall wheat is better than you expected and I am very glad that you have such good health and I trust to God you will be spared to
I get home which I think will not be many months. I am getting along fairly, although I have been sick about two weeks and part of the time at Memphis I had little hopes of my recovery. I go out in the city very almost every day, and expect to go up there to-day they are very kind to me. Indeed, they are here every day and bring me something and I am getting anything. I want I have some money still that I brought out with me and have no need of anything. I think it would be useless for you to come back here at so much expense when I am as well as
I am. I can get a furlough for a short time and go home to see you but I expect it will be a hard matter. There is talk of transferring the 70th Troop to Frederik in a short time and if they do I will get to see you for certain. Do I think it would just as well for to not come me may be gone when yours would get here. There is several of the company in the hospital here. From Hillsboro.

I am sorry to hear that John is sick and when you write to him tell him where I am. I would like to hear from him. I tell me if you know what hospital...
He is in so that I can write to him William has a bad cough Margaret wrote tell him to go some for it and not neglect father get as much ground broke as possible and crop in it will pay this fall we expect to get our pay about the 10th of this month and I will send to home as soon as I get it the baby owes me twenty dollars I will get it when I go back to the regiment I would have been glad if gray had moved with the colt but I am thankful as it is I must close and give love to Margaret William Mother and yourself My respects from you some neighbors Robert Moyle direct St Joseph to come P O Mo
Lawson Hospital St. Louis
May 20th, 1863

Dear Father and Mother,

I address you these few lines hoping they may find you all

enjoying good health. Every thing flourishing as before.

I am getting along well.

My health with the help of the Lord will soon be as good as ever. It was

I received your letter a few days ago the same

day that I wrote to William.

I enclosed fifteen (15) dollars for your hope, if it will get

through safe I am going to express fifty five (55) dollars

to you this day at the expen-
Agent at Mt Pleasant will notify you when it comes that hand. I will also enclose 20 dollars in this letter to you. I have got all my pay up to the thirty-first day of April. Father I hope you are getting along with your work and will get through in good season and hope that William is getting better of his cough. Arent let him neglect it. Other things tell very high here, clothing less, any thing that ever been and produce is very high. Browed rye sells 5 cents a pound for coffee last week 5 cuds at the sale of government horses. They sold very high some
Mares that had colts sold for $150 and none under 100 dollars. There was a great many sold. Horses that were nothing more than mere shadow and could hardly stand sold for 25c.

B0 dollars apiece.

Aunt Jane received 10 dollars from me for a receipt paid the proceeds of some grain you sold for her. She is in the country at present. Her lease will be out in October for the property she has just sold. She says she will remain there. Then I adore you hard to much to get along the best you can. I think there will be plenty of help up there next spring.
think this war business will be wound up this summer and fall and all will get home. I trust John is getting along well and that Margaret will write to her soon and I would like to get a letter from home every week. Do you could write one week will another and Margaret the next you must excuse this writing as I am in a hurry for the mail.

My love to another sister.

Brother from your son.

Robert Boyle

Write soon remember me to
St. Louis neighbours.

Let me know as soon as you receive this. Yours, friends.
St. Louis, May 26th 1863

Dear father & mother,

Having by accident met Mr. Banty of Salem and learning that he was going home this afternoon I take this opportunity of writing these few lines to you hoping they may find you in good health and getting along. I am doing well. I have been troubled some with a pain in my side for two weeks. I went into a Bath one evening in the hospital and caught cold but I feel a great deal better and hope to be out of
It is a few days
I have some little
Samoens yet in my lip
Caused by chilumation
with that exception
I am doing in private.
Mrs. Bany was here with
horses to sell and told me
that he would take anything
up for me. I will
Send my hatch to William
And a small gun to
Margaret also a pocket
handkerchief to Bill and
some sackle money for
him & Margaret. I have
Not time to send my other
things to you as now. But
Will as soon as I get an
opportunity, Mr. Bany will
in case it does not get
To see you will leave the letter and catch with the post Master at Salem the weather here is warm.

I seen John three days ago and look for him here to morrow I sent you ninety dollars 155 by express

15 in one letter and 20 in another let me know when you write if you got them

I send you the paper almost every day I will send you 3 in each week at least so yours will be kept posted in the news. There was a lot of soldiers sent to their regiments from the hospital here last Saturday.
I very likely before tab of three months longer if I ain't sent to
Keshisk the Iowa agent told me that they now
probably sent the Iowa soldiers up to Keshisk
I hope they will be are reading up the hospital
for the wounded from Vicksburg John is getting
along well you will
write as soon as you
can I must close
for the present more
to all from your
R. Money
St Louis

Mr "confederate money still a curiosity to yours"
Saint Louis, June 26th, 1868

Dear Mother,

I take my pen in hand to address you these few lines hoping they may find you in good health as you was when I last heard from you. We ought to be very thankful to the Lord for his mercies and kindness to us that he has spared us our lives and not cut us off in the midst of our times as great things are another I cannot express any feelings of thankfulness to God for his mercies to me for at one time I was very sick at home but I have got about well the pain in my side that I told you about as gone and I feel pretty well I have been to aunt Jane's pretty often and I had not die which I am my friends as you know but I did not eat so much of it as a die at the time she was cutting corn do you recollect I left the whole afternoon behind a shock of corn from the good dinner trying to get a task and there is a big bottle going on at Hicksburg and I have no doubt our boys is suffering it would like to hear from them mother I want you to keep in good spirits as I think this fight still be the dreams of binding this thing.
My room after if we are victorious which I hope the lord will and that the rebels will get a good dinner if they is no news of importance from Richburg to day but they seem to be confident of success with Jane would like to have you come down to St Louis she thinks the trip would as you good I want you to write soon and tell her how the neighbors are getting along of them my friend William Ransom does he still go to see yours I got one letter from him when it was at Arkansas Post and I wrote to him since but never got any answer but he only have wrote to one and I not get it I think I will have to write to him another I am getting along fine here we have preaching every Sunday and prayer meeting during the week we have some very pleasant meetings I hope you go to the attend church every Sunday as you have a good chance and nice conversation and I do hope you improve it when you have the chance to attend worship you ought not to neglect it you know the importance of religion and don't neglect it give my respects to neighbors from your son.

Tell Margaret cool it take survival

Robert and Marion
Tuesday 1863

Franklin Hospital
St. Louis June 9th

Dear Father & Mother

Your kind letter of the 29th May I received last week glad to know that yours are getting along so well and trust the Lord will spare your lives I wish that we may all be permitted to meet together again and enjoy the privileges of the Family circle.

Dear Parents I wrote a letter a week ago and sent it By Mr. Bandy of Salem also By watch at William I hope you have received them both and I am glad you received my Express money as I had begun to think

At it seems, I have heard from it and if I do not get a chance to send my clothes by some person I will send them by express and they will get safe through it have done very nice shirts that aunt James folks got for me that will do for William and you to have as they would be of course to use in the army now days ago John was hurt to the tooth he looks just fine and feels tolerably well aunt Jane is at home she came on Saturday she is well I was at aunt's last night came home this morning and feel well I am getting along nicely and hope soon to be as well as ever I was I have been to aunt James
Almost every Day this week and had something nice to eat which suited me very well as you know I was always fond of good eating. There is plenty of Strawberries & cherries here. Potatoes & cabbage & green peas there is all kinds of green vegetables.

Charles Aripps is at aunts he is a very pleasant man & sociable. He is looking for a situation on the River. Aunt Jane will send you a receipt for what money you sent her. She talks of going up to spend the summer with you. His Aripps talks that she would like to go up to Mr. Aripps days.

How is that Quiet of Jane going on. Are they doing...
Any thing or have they given it up how are you getting along with them hasn't given you any trouble when you can't give me the particulars of things how crops is etc. The weather here is Beautiful at present the weather two or three days very cold & rainy weather you spoke about laying the money on A post i think you better keep it yourself. It will be as i will try to save as much as possible and send to you. We have not got any wounded from Wick sburg yet and i have not heard from the regiment since i left Wick sburg I trust Close writes done. My love to sister & Brother. Partly.

Sentiment from your son
Robert Mulley
Lanson hospital Tuesday, Nov.
St. Louis July 7, 1863

Dear Parents,

I arrived here safe and well this morning and hope them few lines will find yours all in good health and well.

Ayer, Mrs. Harrison, Brother and the same day I left I find every thing tall right. Nothing much about my staying, after my time it was all right how and William get along.

This damn I stand the trip let me know when you write I was not so long coming down as I expected it. Be I write a few lines to Mrs. Harrison and send the same.
term as there there was quite a row on the forth of July at a publick Armes given by the citizens for the benefit of the soldiers the soldier got drunk and charged on the citizens and killed 4 persons one woman & child that is about all the particulars that I know of at present. They have not paid here at the hospital yet perhaps they will this week my lord to all brother & sister respect to Mrs. Smiths Robert Moya & rest of neighbors
Looking every day for a letter but Prout as yet yesterday aunt Jane received one from you dated August 1st in which I received a note you said you had not got any word from one for two weeks and you thought I had gone down the river. I am here still and cannot tell how long I may be here, but it is altogether likely that I will be here awhile after pay day at least I hope I will I still be there to let you know before I am one whom I am sent down the river. I was out to see John two days ago he does not much like the invalid corps he would rather lie with his company they are very strict on
them a great deal more
do them thinner they were
with them in their own
regiment and there is some
talk of them being sent down
the river John says he will
go to his regiment when
he gets his pay and there
will be a great many others
do the same how is captain
Dewsbury getting along I hope
he is getting better give my respects
to him when you see him and
sincerely they were always my kind
to me Robert Davidson also he
is a very kind man he helped to
carry me to the boat when I was
just taken sick I am ready
any time to go down the river
as soon as I get my pay but
I aint going to forget the
matter I will leave it with
the doctor when he says so
I will go of course, father I have bought a couple of our coats so that you and William will have one each I got them very cheap they will bear excellent in the winter to work round on the farm in and save you other clothes I will send them home before I leave here Bill said they could not use soldiers clothes with brass buttons you can take them off and put cloth ones on if it be true father see that cousin Jennie has money enough when she is leaving for home if I can come across a pair of good shoes I will get them for you. I cannot think of anything else to write you at so I will close and write soon to you affectionate.

My love to mother

Jon

Robert J. Boyle

Hester & Brother Jennie
all neighbors R.M.
St. Louis Aug. 10th 1863

Dear Mother,

I address you these lines hoping that you and rest of folks as well of cousin Jennie will give you this note and as the intends spending two or three weeks with you. I hope you will try and make her visit as pleasant as possible and Margaret and William in consideration for their kindness to me during my sickness they done every thing they could to make me comfortable and I hope you will not say anything about her sister allie or any of them. I have not been very well last week I was sick four days and on nose and lips were all Broak out and very sore some of them said it was the Erysipelas but the doctor said it was Infection from cold I was very sick.
at my stomach and pain in my head. But I am now better.

Mother I send you a bottle of wine. I hope you will find it good and a pair of slops if they are to large you can give them to some of the rest.

One pair for father if his is to large he can give them to William couple pairs of socks for father and William and one pair showing the principle streets that the New York Riotes rooked in they done awful site of Damage I feel that the copper heads is giving considerable trouble in Iowa yesterday and last night it rained terrible and lightened and thundered to beat anything that ever I seem. Mother I can't think of anything else to write so I will close from your affectionate son.

Robert Moore.

I will write soon again.
Dear Mr. and Mrs. [Name],

I found your note today and am glad to know you are doing well and your things are in order. I hope you had a pleasant trip to [destination].

When I arrived, I found the house in good order, and the garden looked nice and well-tended.

As of now, I have been here for a week and have enjoyed seeing the local sights. I hope you find your trip enjoyable and rewarding.

Please keep me posted on your activities and any news. I am looking forward to your return.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
be hauled off by another steamer or we would probable had to remain until the river raised.

I never was so tired of steam boat traveling as on the trip coming to Licksburg notwithstanding I enjoyed it.

Our camp here I am well pleased with it is pleasantly situated right on the side of the rail road we are camped on the side of a small hill the land all round is very hilly and is as healthy a place as we could get here there has been a great deal of sickness here but the health of the regiment
Is very much improved, direct they have come into Cairo. The men were almost sure to die. Before the Rebels surrendered, Vicksburg. But now that they are getting a rest, they will soon recruit their health and it is very likely they will remain there two or three months. So we will be well able for another March. The weather here is not as warm as I had expected to find. It though it is considerable warmer than at St. Louis but we were so long a coming that we got thinner and acclimated to the weather before we got into Vicksburg.
the Rebels had this place well fortified, and I don't believe she would ever have taken it—any other way than by a long, level hill and knoll about Jackson had a cannon on it even in the streets of the city that had works thrown up and guns mounted, but the city is not as much injured as one would suppose from the long siege and shelling of the place.

Well I must close for the present. Be good to my love to mother, sister, and broth and I want you to write soon from your affectionate son,

R.H. Doyle
CAMP SHERMAN,

Vicksburg, Miss.

Sept 22nd, 1863

Dear Mother,

Having a few leisure hours I though I could not better improve the time than by writing you these few lines and trust you may find you in the enjoyment of good health as I am at present. I have not felt as well since last fall and trust I may continue so as that is one of the greatest blessings that one can be possessed of and I have learnt how to appreciate it.
You would no doubt like to know something about how we spend the time in camp. I will try to tell you. We drill one hour every morning the Reveille Beats at five in the morning for to get up than roll call at seven to eight drill deeps parade at five every Division Drill every Tuesday; Brigade every Friday at these drills we spend about three hours are stand, Picket twenty-four hours that as are he but that leaves of time before we are relieved to go to camp, each one stands two hours at a time. I have been out-on-picket once an Eckroost Black River Bridge famous at the Battle
ground of Pemberton and 
we believed it was a hard 
fight and the rebels had a 
Splendid Position and every 
advantage over our Boys 
Notwithstanding our Boys 
gave them at goodArching 
and drove them into Their 
Pen at Chickasaw where 
the whole crew of Federals 
were captured. Well as I 
was going to tell you I have 
had as pleasant a time on 
Frisco she were one a out 
front on a Leading road 
and there was a great many 
of the citizens with him all 
the Ack Ladys I gentlemens 
Most Ladys try to get in 
Side of our Tiples but they 
could not come in with 
out come particular Business 
they would be kept untill
Their business would be made known to the general and it would be as he said about letting them in nearly any one would be refused that ladies generally were by pleasant & socially one good lady came and could not come in and she said she would come the next day to the aid and brought me a handsome bunch of flowers which I have at this time in an old oyster can a good substitute for a case but does not look so well of our campus very pleasantly situated on the slope of a hill and a good sprin short distance from us but I am rather
Sorry that we have to leave it but I hope we will find as good again as we have. Marching orders we pack up every thing to night and start at two o'clock in the morning where for I don't know the Colonel don't zone think one place gone another but as soon as we get to our place of destination I will write. yesterday morning we got orders about one o'clock to have breakfast by half past two and one day rations in our bower packs and March we started at three for a Rebel camp one twelve miles distant and to be fifteen hundred strong an almost a double quick and arrived there about ten
in the same Morning but the commercial dogs held their
of our coming and the cavalry captured some
of the rebels and brought them
back as we got and to camp
at 24 in the evening a good
Man of the Boys are strolling
about Camp at any commaining
of their feet but they will let
fall right in a day or two. My
own feet felt intolerable hot
but by night I don't feel it
and I would not care to have them
fore a week for the satisfaction
of helping to give the rebels a
Amority. There is a great Many
of the rebels coming in and of
giving them shelter up I think
the Rebellion will soon play
out they Can't Stand against
our Boys. Mother I think
I have tried your patience long enough and as I am somewhat tired and sleepy and have only five hours to sleep I will bring my letter to a close. I want you to write soon and give me the particulars of affairs up there. My love to William and Margaret. I tell you and don’t forget to write a portion to your self from your affectionate son.

Robert J. Moore

Tell Isaac folks be and tell Billis to tell Billis is getting along fast he goes with us. Tell the rest of the Company is well the Company was exceedingly glad to see me and hope I would stay with them.
When you direct to me
Company L 25th Regiment
Iowa Volunteers
Via Cairo
and I will be there to
get them.

give my respects
to all the neighbors & friends.
Camp 3rd, Alabama
Near Tuscaloosa
Oct 27th, 1863

Dear Parents,

I received your kind letters one from another.
I got last night and pleased
to know that you are all
well as I am at present
thank God for it. We have
been on the move ever since
we left Pickensville. We don't stay
more than two or three days
in a place and have done some
pretty steady marching since I
wrote you last. We have been
here three days in this camp
and it has been raining all
the while until this afternoon
but it has cleared off and
looks like we would have
some pleasant weather again we were obliged to halt here to wait for the provision train to come up which got here last night and I suppose we will resume our march again in a day or two on Thursday the 22nd of this month 007 there was a great excitement here in camp just as we were setting down in our tents to eat our dinner the long roll beat and the order to fall in as quick as possible now load our guns as the rebels were in on us we got in line in about five minutes and it pouring rain and tearing heavy firing about a mile from here the regiment marched out in line of battle and E company and H were part
Out in advance as skirmish on the right of the regiment we advanced very cautiously with our eyes open some 2 or 3 miles through a heavy timber and brush before we saw any of the rebels as I was crossing a wooded road in the timber I discovered them riding around to our right with our uniforms on them except the cap supposing them to be our men we halted with our guns cocked when to our surprise we saw a company ofmen riding around to our right in full uniform we knew then that they were rebels and we joured a few volleys at them that changed their purpose I drove them back though they were trying to flank us.
And had it not been for the way that we avoided it to them they would have every one of our company that was in the fight had got entirely out of sight of the regiment and would have no support and they have got us off out of reach before assistance could reach us but the Boys stood up to the work. Bravely the fight lasted about three hours. Our regiment had fire arounded, none hurt in our company. The Zona 30th lost heavily they marched in line of battle through an open field to within three rods of the rebels were they were all down in the wood when the rebels opened a heavy fire on them and drove them back in confusion. Killing their Colonel one captain and a good many others the colonel of the 30th. We thought them to be our own men and should not let his men fire on them until the rebels joured it to them after they win the Zona made a charge on them and drove them
Out of the woods in to a large field near we had a fair show at them. They kept up a running fight until sun down and shelling them and firing on them all the while. Their loot is not known but some wounded prisoners are got said that they lost considere I will close as they are going to close the mail you must not expect to hear from me to often as we are getting near we will not yet a chance to tend to often. I will enclose 10 dollars to you my love to all with love from your love

I am sure that you need is short but go and take corn enough from the other place to fill your trunks and don't be afraid as corn is going to
To be brief you can pay it some time again and not say anything be sincere and get enough do that you will have plenty to do you over untill another season I would not spend one cent for corn when you can get without you are entitled to it the boys are all well I got a letter from John lost might be is well Bill is not in the fight Bob Davidson come here yesterday.

Arrast as before.

Let me know if you get this.

P.S. I have changed my notion I will only send $5.00 let me know.
Camp near Bridgeport
Alabama Nov 19th 63

Dear Parents,

I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well and enjoying good health and trust these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing.

Dear Parents, I received a letter from you By Mail from who arrived here the other day and was waiting for us.

He has traveled around considerably to find us as we have been on a march since I wrote to you from near this country. We have been on the march some twenty days through Tennessee and Alabama.

We had a rather tight march.
After I wrote you from Ensenada, we fought the rebels two days. All the while, we had only one man killed in our regiment. Our loss was about 200, but the rebels' loss was considerably greater. We beat them.

I have not time to give particulars; we are waiting here at present for the divisions. A head of us to cross the Tennessee River but we expect to get across tomorrow or next day. I should have wrote to you while we were waiting at the eastport on the Tennessee river for our advance to cross but I had not time but as soon as we get to our place of
Destination I have this moment got a letter from Margaret was very glad to hear that you was well. I'll not be able to stand the winter he has taken a great deal of trouble to get our things through. I hope we will get them before we leave here. I will write soon as possible to William and give him some of the pictures as of our March and fight at Cubedick the first one was at Cherokee Station on Memphis & Charleston Rail Road. Willis Barnes is sick and Isaac Foothater was sent to the hospital some two weeks ago we have not heard from him since he was my sick with diarrhea.
But I hope he is better
I will attend to mills as long as he is left with us and as all I can for him the weather here is beautiful during the day but the nights seem to be rather cold for the present as it is getting late and I am somewhat fatigued I have been trying all day cleaning as I am getting to be very dirty unless as all my own washing I love to all as much as you ever did you know me.

Remind me to John I will write to him as soon as possible
Bridge Fortaba

Dec. 15th/1863

Dear Father & Mother,

I take this opportunity of addressing these few lines to you, hoping they may find you in good health as I am at present that the Lord for it.

Father I have not heard from home since I was at this place before some three weeks ago and I thought it rather strange as I had expected to hear from you before this. I trust nothing is going at home. I wrote to William about a week ago as soon as I got to this place from Chattanooga. I suppose you will have received it before this and will feel more
Contented as to our safety though we have passed through some very great dangers without any injury thank god such as I hope when again to pass through I send by the Bearer Mr. Adam Remple 1st Sergeant of C. Company who goes to Salem to recruit for our Company twenty dollars which the will hand you and perhaps I will send more by the Captain when he goes home. My love to all from your Son.

R. J. Monks

C. C. B. 25 Stone

P.S. also three dollars to Williams
My respects to neighbours R J Monks
I have not heard Williams from Williams since I wrote to you last.
Wood Hall, Alabama  
January 1, 1864

Dear Father and Mother:

As Mr. Withrow leaves here to go for home, I take the opportunity of sending these few lines to you, hoping they may find you enjoying good health and prosperity as I am at present. I arrived at this place a day before yesterday after a march of nine days from Bridgeport and will remain here for two months as we have orders to build winter quarters on the March 1. I received your letter the first of the month and hope that the news from home is all well.
to hear of aunt James. I trust you and hope the preparators of the deed may be found out and punished.

You are having plenty of snow in April this winter and I hope you are enjoying it we have had tolerable pleasant weather here until latter yesterday it rained all day and last night it throbbed and poured pretty hard and is tolerably cold this morning but I don't think it will last long.

I sent twenty dollars to you by Mr. Kemp in September hope you have got it by this time. I wrote a notturable length letter to William from Bridgeport hope he will write soon as he had
Two members of our company died in the hospital at Memphis since I wrote to you from Bridgeton. Isaac Stanley from Dicklers Mills and Joseph Griffin of Salem. At present we have none sick all in good health.

I will send by mail to Mississippi twenty-eight dollars and to another six dollars. I will close for the present wish you all a happy new year from your son.

Very dear as before, I hope all is well. Let my affection to my dear children be the same. I have some of the things you sent me. I will get you something that you may read. I could have sold everything I had in fifteen minutes after I got there but I sold only that I could not get along without.
Dear Brother

I received your kind present on the 1st of December and thank you for it. The butter was splendid and the jelly I have not opened yet. I intend opening it for dinner to-day so that I shall have some thing extra the peaches I used up I sold enough to pay the freight and send you 2½ dollars besides. I have plenty of butter & cheese yet.

The box that Barns sent did not come. It was not marked right. I may get it back; but don't feel I will chalk for the present. My love to Sister & Mother and a happy New Year to all from

Yours truly

R. P. Wayle
Camp Proclamation
Woodville, Alabama
January 25th, 1884

Dear Father,

Your letter of the 9th of the present month I received yesterday was glad to hear that yours were all well also that yours were getting along. Yours are having a very lade weather up there but I hope it has moderated ere this and if pleasanter it must be awful hard on the stock and I hope your will get them striped through without any further loss than you had.
Sustained at present things are very high up there and I hope you will have plenty to do you through if any thing can be relied on what the old inhabitants of Iowa say their will be good crops next season I think it would be a good notion to put in all the grain and stuff possible and your front yard I hope you will get off in good if I had any way of sending I would send you some broads from some of the battle fields to set in front of the house there is plenty of cedar I think I could not lend them now I am glad you got that money all right from Temple fit was rather long on the way than I
Expected, I am very sorry to hear of the death of Isaac. He must have suffered considerably also his family. But I suppose they are pretty well attended to by the neighbors & friends and I hope they will get better. I was very glad to hear that William had such a fine chance to get a knowledge of the hog business and I hope it paid him for his trouble. By the way, I must tell you about the weather here at present is beautiful. Men going about in shirt sleeves and feel tolerable warm at that though we have had some awful cold weather for this climate about a week ago I was on jibe it hailed & rained all day at night it quit and got cold when I
had stood my last turn and
was relieved which was about two
in the morning I went to the reserve
post and collled my self up
in my blanket by the fire to
sleep then morning when I
woke up there was three inches of
snow all over us but I had
a good sleep and felt pretty well
after I eat my breakfast which
I was not long in getting as he
take 24 hours rations with his I
can get a meal in 20 minutes as I
am a good cook on picket I carry a
little bail that holds about one quart
of water put my coffee in and boil it
a few minutes if take my down belly
(soldier name for side meat) just
it on the end to a stick and
cook eat with crackers we dont have much
trouble washing up the dishes on picket
one camp.

Well I will close for this time write soon before to
all from your love Robert Moyle
Don't get them any right and they set rather heavy on the stomach.

Mother I want you to write often and grace a snake some of yours tool to all

From your B. Irvine

Camp Proclamation

Woodville, Ala.

January 25th, 1864

Dear Mother,

I write you these few lines in answer to your note. I got sick with fatigue and glad your are having such good health and as for myself I have had better since I joined the army and hope to continue so. I sent you some money by Letter he will send to father I suppose you will get it before this comes to hand. I have these things you sent one was good except the peaches they was spoiled. I have some butter yet about one pound the rest of the cheese I eat a few days ago and the thrail you
sent with the butter I have full of barley which we eat three times a day but is splendid.

my Bunk mate and me made it. I will tell you how it is made and you ought to try it well in the first place your cake ashes just in a kettle and boil at strong pour the lye off into another kettle put your shelled corn in and boil untill the skin peels of the grains and it is soft and swollen then wash it with clean water and put it on again in clean well water and boil change the water boiled three times untill the lye is all out when it is fit for use and will keep a week in cold weather fry it in cream and butter make a greasy of flour and water and grease and fry it in that and it eats well we draw flour now and we make pan cakes raise them with lye they are pretty good though some times free.
Cleveland, Tennessee
Sunday, Feb 21 \(\frac{4}{7}\) 1864

Dear Mother,

I write you a few lines to let you know of my whereabouts & condition. I am well & hearty, enjoying perfect health and I trust these few lines will find you enjoying the same. We have been here two days in a very nice country. Most of the people are loyal. This County has furnished five regiments of Volunteers to our army and many coming in my Bag since we have
Come the town has been a very pretty one but like most all of the places that we have passed through considerably worse as we have just received marching orders and suppose to move. We will leave and for what point I do not know. As soldiers are officers seldom know where we are going until we get to the place. Brother I have only got one letter from home since I left, but I do not expect a mail until the 11th. After noon and perhaps there will be some thing for me.

The weather here is very pleasant at present although it snowed I flated this
Morning this is the prettiest country that we have been through any where on our Marches but I have found none so pretty as Dome or that I would like to live in as well.

Mother I have not much time to write at present but I will write as soon as we get to where we are going. My hope to betterester?

Brother this and to you self from your affectionate

Don Robert P. Moyle

Write soon tell Bay and Willie to be good children.
Cleveland, Tennessee
Sunday, Feb 22nd, 1863

Dear father,

Your letter of the 6th. this month I received yesterday was glad to hear from home as I had not got any mail for three weeks. It was going to our Boarding so much but I hope we will get the mail more regular while we remain in this place as there is a couple of trains in every day that run through to a place called Louden about 55 miles from here and 25 miles from Knoxville as soon as they can finish a Bridge they are building at Louden on the Tennessee River they will come through to Knoxville.
the last letter I wrote home Dec
had marching orders to go to
Arlington, Georgia but from some
cause or other we did not have
to go another regiment belonging to
our Brigade went while I write they
are coming in to Camp and I hear
the rebels are very restless so much for
them having been reinforced thirty
thousand strong but we got a
great many deserters from the rebels they
give them clothes up at this place
they come in as many as forty
into a day (deserters) and take the
oath allegiance since we come
here there has been five companies
raised (mostly deserters) for the union
Tennessee Cavalry and if it was
not for the ladders it would not
last long the volunteers in the rebel
division as soon as their times
expire are conscripted and they
are taking at the hand and
Resenting every chance they get
father you speak about
laying that flake shot times
Can it be Bought an and
how much do they want
you cannot be too careful
about buying such times as these
as vey thay is uncertain and
it is a very easy matter for a
man to get himself into a debt
that might break him up before
he would get out of and
I believe it would be better
for you to wait some time
longer and work on a safer
footing.

When you write
let me know how you are getting
along with you. Bucking I hope
grapes will get a large crop
in this year things will be
high I think fruit ery were
in you can get Broth it still pay
This morning we were called out about two o'clock before day under arms and stood until day light it was rumored that there was coming in to our lines some rebels but they did not show them selves and we were marched to our quarters to spend the balance of the day in place which has been so this far (4 o'clock) those dried apples mother sent me I got them all right and eat part of them the balance I told well I must close for the present as I have nothing more of importance to write my love to mother sister I Brute write down from your affectionate John.

P.S. I got them stamps all right.

My respects to neighbors.

Two days ago I wrote to Barnes about those things he sent to Miller. I got a letter from Miller yesterday.
Dear Mother,

As I was writing to father I thought I would write you a few lines also. Mother I am sorry to hear that you are sick but hope you will soon be able again if not I trust in your preparations for the consequences. I trust Mother your sickening as becomes all Christians preparing for a blessed rest at the end of this short pilgrimage here on earth. Another I cannot help impressing the duties of religion on you at this time of trouble. I know it another it was to one when I lay on the bed of affliction with not expect to recover but God in his mercies restored me to health for which I am thankful and with his help trust to live according to his precepts and examples. Dear Mother I hope this is your determination and when it comes ours to quit this tempest of clay that we may be taken home to heaven faster sickness and sorrow are how more this is my earnest prayer. Another write down as you can and let me know how you are getting and may God in his mercy let me visit you again.
Wood Hill, Ala.
Thursday, March 24, 1864

Dear Father,

Yours of the 15th I received this afternoon. I am sorry that Brother is sick, but I trust it will not be anything serious and I hope the will let in the enjoyment of good health when these first times come to hand there has not been any thing better to disturb the mild monotony of camp life every thing is quiet at present though we don't know how long it may last as for myself I would be perfectly willing that it would last the balance of your time with us as I think our camp has done its share and some others take it turns in the front. Well the weather here has not been very pleasant—last two days they were both before yesterday morning it commenced snowing about day break and continued until I afternoon when it ceased and turned to raining. The snow was thirteen inches deep on a level about as you think of that here in Alabama but those of us that was not on duty did not mind it as we were comfortable in our quarters or tent as each had a chimney to it only knew some wore its last to build one.
To Day there is very little snow to
be seen as it is going off In fast
and I think we will have pleasant
weather from this on.

There is quite a change making in
the neighborhood by the time I get out
of the service if I am awayed there will
be none of the old little's about there.
I hope the coming in are more interesting
and go ahead that some that are going off
as fast that go sees I think that is helpful
also. Big price more than its worth.
I think it will be for sale before a
great while again and I think will be got
to hand.

Capt. Braithwaite received is answer
papers this afternoon and will be going home
in a few weeks so without him will be booth
be out of the service as soon as it gets warm
weather. I will send by express a blanket and
200 new and 2 pairs shoes to you.

Then get as much crop In as possible this season.

It will pay me have not got any pay for six
months and expecting it any day. I
Please pay Mrs. Kirkwood fifty (50) etc. that I
owed Sase. I Borrowed at it Kirkburg.

I sent file (5) Adlers to Billie pomes in Nashville
by his request and some three weeks ago and taut
heard from him since. I was promoted to
Corporal on the 25th of last month (quite a gain)
and am sent over for Cpl.More.
Camp 20th June 1861

Woodville Ala.

April 9th 1864

Dear Brother Jettie,

As I have the opportunity of sending you a few lines, by Capt. Pendergraf, I took advantage of it. I send by him twenty-eight dollars (28) to your and you will please pay Mr. Barnes from me eleven dollars thirty cents (11.30) that I got from the sale of Nilless property lent him by his folks I lent Willis per Thair five dollars ($5) which he received the total amount of what he brought was $16.30. when you have paid him the eleven dollars (11.30) he will have all the goods brought. I am the best I could with them till Captain goes home to stay or rather starts he cam
Tell you how | am getting 
along. I have good health. 
Aging pretty well. The health 
of the Company is good. 
I wrote home a short 
time ago. Once I got a 
letter from Billie. He is at 
Madison, Indiana.

I must 
Close for the present. God 
be with you.

Your affectionate,

Robert Smith.
Camp Portabnation  
Woodville, Alabama  
April 21st 1863

Dear Parents,

Your letter of the 10th I received the day before yesterday, being on duty I was unable to write sooner. We are kept busy between guard duty and drill. That we have not much time to do any thing will be for our health. If we were allowed to remain idle and inactive (that is free from all duty) this would be a great deal of picket duty at present the health of the regiment is tolerable good. One of 3 & 5 died this morning in the camp hospital will be buried this morning. His name is Westfall he was sick but five days & never had any sickness before. Since he has been in the service he had the typhoid fever & pneumonia. He was the only sick man we had in the company. The as for myself I never had better health but this afternoon I feel tired we were on a grand review today the whole division was reviewed by Gen Logan and we drilled four hours without our knapsacks on our backs besides walking two miles to parade ground. It was a splendid affair to look at much better than being a participant. In fact by the time this comes to hand you will have seen Robert Eleanor and habe
got word from him direct he could give you letter satisfaction about matters than I could write or could Helmold can give you all the particulars about things he was very clever to me always some of the company got considerably out with them they sent him a petition while he was home sick requesting him to resign which I think made him feel rather bad.

Father I am glad yours are all well and getting along to help I hope you will have a good crop this year. Many plenty prices will be good I hope your and Mother will write often give me particulars of things within the weather here is warm during day but very cold at night though my tent Mate and me have plenty of clothing there Blankets & two quilts besides a large Pkt of ingrain carpet to we do pretty well it is sprinkling rain this afternoon and Bids fair to continue all night. How the way I must ask how is aut Jones affairs going along is anything a doing about it. As I have nothing more to write you at this time I will close write soon. My love to all.

I remain your affectionately, 

Son Robert Doyle

25 June
On the Road to Atlanta

To Dear Auntie kin

May 20th 1864

Dear father Monther:

With grateful feelings I am permitted to write you this morning. I received your letter by Maj. 1st last week while one and ten in the Rebel fight & Rebels shooting at us well we have had a hard time of it these two days & half in the rain until four tops in Regiment 3. Killed 9 wounded. I had a maroon escape my hat was knocked off by a Musket Ball & hit a man by me in the shoulder well the Rebels were whipped bud I must close.

My love to all.

R.A. Morse
The Boys are all well
our Company lost none

I will write soon
as I get a chance

May Be a week
that Adams is killed
Six Miles North East of Dallas Georgia
June 20th 1864

Dear Father & Mother,

having an opportunity to mail a letter for the first time in two weeks I write you these few lines hoping they may find you all in the enjoyment of good health as I am at present. We have been kept busy fighting has been going on here for about five days and one night has been more than any time. Last Sunday night the rebels charged onto our lines in the center four times and were repulsed each time. Most all the Rebel wounded that were brought in
to our hospital were under the influence of whisky and had it in their cantakers the rebels officers gave them plenty of whisky they said before they made the charge the night they made the charge I was on picket out side the Breit works on the skirmish line the rebels kept up a constant firing all night & so aid me they intended to advance on us but we had a strong line of pickets out and they not knowing what kind of a situation we had behind our work were afraid to advance they would have to cross a empty field about half mile wide before they could get to our works and we could have destroyed them down like grap they made a charge on our work on
Saturday 28th May & took three guns of the First Light Battery and commenced turning them by hand when our men charged on them recaptured the guns and drove them back with heavy loss to the Rebels have made nothing a thing yet though they have a strong position on what is called the alluvial mountains about eight miles from the Chattahoochie River and thirty miles from Atlanta when we drove them out of this place they have only one more place to fall to that they can fortify that is about fifteen miles from here the country from there on is better for our maneuvering than for them at Atlanta the country is very flat and open we have a large force here and I think we will whip the Rebels
the Rebels took some of our cavalry belonging to Hildreth Brigade took them along with them a piece and then killed them and stripped them of every article of clothes they had on and kept them lying in piles them and some of our soldiers buried them the Rebels are a desperate murdering set I hope we will get to kill half of them. Last Monday our Company was out on the skirmish line sharp shooting did not have many hurt but some of our Company shot two Rebels during all this fight we have had both one killed and one wounded we have been very lucky so far and I trust in God we may be during the Alliance of the fight our men are in good spirits and all is confident of success - well I have said enough about things here how are you getting along at home I hope well did you get the old field down with Timothy and how is crops Asing I must close my love to all write often from your son Robert Moyle
Dear of Heworth Geo.

June 17th 1864

Dear Brother

As I was writing a few to Sister I thought I would write you a short note also. Well mother, this has been a very hard campaign so far we have had to much marching and again to do and I a great deal of rain. It rained here from June 1st to the 11th to steal anything and the men were pretty well tired. Our army has broke the Rebels out of position, they have taken yet and in two or three weeks Atlanta will be ours. I hope in good our army has been very successful so far.
and I trust the god of battle
will be with our army
well brother how are you
getting along at home
I hope you are doing
well if god spares my life
in a little over a year I will
be at home but if it be the
will of god that I should
not I am trying to live
in such a way that I
will have a hope of heaven
how is it with you and
father are your trying to
change your course of living
it is my earnest prayer every
morning and night and
for sister and brother and I
would like to be at home and
see all going together to church
and having family worship what a
sleeping it would be well mother I
must close my heart to father a while and
I got no letters from you since that day
for some time ago now
My right leg is swollen. It is one fourth larger than it ought to be. It has three running sores on it. I have to wear an elastic stocking or a rubber bandage to keep it in shape. It swells from the end of my toes up into my hip joint. I have walked part of the time with crutches. A stocking or bandage does not last me more than three months in the last year. I had to leave. My right thigh lanced in two places. The Doctor took over a gallon of pus from it on the night of January 15th, 1863. I fell into the hull of a large with a stack of corn on my shoulder bruising my right leg. In February 1863, while on duty, took the typhoid fever. I fell into my right leg. It swelled and was lanced in six different places.
My right leg is swollen. It is one fourth larger than it ought to be. It has three healing sores on it. I have to wear an elastic stocking or a rubber bandage to keep it in shape. It swells from the end of my toe up into my hip. I cannot walk part of the time without crutches. A stocking or bandage does not last me more than three months in the last year. I had to have my right thigh lanced in two places. The Doctor took over a gallon of pus from it on the night of January 15th, 1869. I fell into the hull of a large with a sack of corn on my shoulder bruising my right leg in February 1868 while on duty. Took the hospital leave in July of my right leg. It gathered and was lanced in six different places.
The guerrillas are a very bold class of men and they very frequently fire off the picketts and try to capture them about two weeks ago they captured five all that was at the post horses and equipage they never attack only that the outside picketts which is cavalry and there is always pick together at a post some time if two or three men will venture out side of the lines they will be very certain to take them and keep them about two weeks them exchange them or parole the rebels here this season raised large crops of corn and better corn than ever
seen they had intend to feed the rebel army here this winter but they will be disappointed maintaining a fiendish set plunders they seem to think that they will get some assistance from england but the help from that point i don't think will amount to much last week two rebels conscript from nices army came and give themselves up and as before yesterday our men took five prisoners and you never seema more dirt and ragged set of white men in all you wise they represent the army as in a miserable condition they have nothing but corn meal and beds they have nothing to wear so that i think
The Rebels has nearly done their cause the last good things here are very high. Potatoes two dollars flour eight dollars Butter fifty cents a pound Boots six and eight dollars a pair and every thing according there has been a great deal of sickness here among the Soldiers. We have thirty five out of our company. Sam has been under the doctors care for the last week. But is now better and going around but not fit for duty. W. Pattem and Thomas Coddington is sick that is all from
from Hillsboro I am in as good health as I ever had & John also
we have straw for Blouses straw, socks & shirts to that
we have plenty of clothing the weather here is very warm during
the day and rather cool at night. In the evening there leaves some troops for Richburg.
But we do not know to be certainty.

I must close for the present give my love to Margaret and
William and Ben a good
Cheer we will all be home soon.
Write soon as possible.

When you write please mention
Isaac family.

from your
R. Moyle
Pretty well cleaned out our army are arriving from in every direction and they are beginning to set their houses on top of the Lord I hope all will go home sometime our prospects present are very favourable then I got my pay and I enclose 15 dollars to know are you in the work are you striving to improve I hope you are doing your duty to as much as possible to like into war and don't neglect it as to him strengthen you and to you and that we may meet together again if not hope of heaven your affectionate sons Boyle
Our Company has not lost any of its members the day that we were on the skirmish line. The Rebels opened on us with grape and canister and tried to drive us in but we kept close in our pits and they done no harm. You must not be allarmed if you should not get any letters from me for three or four weeks at a time as we do not have a chance to mail them or no way to send them out and I have not got any letters from home for two weeks our Company was on the extreme right & yesterday we moved around to this position on the left down here our men have a strong position & good rifle pits to stay in there is four lines of rifle pits one behind the other and any amount of artillery write soon and often as possible.

Robert Molyne
When I get a chance I will write full particulars about our campaign up to this time.
Father, you will get these things & please write as for you can let me know what kind of order you get them in. There is one monkey wrench one can & two coats. Carpet dad's one of the coats is John's.
Mr. Barty was to leave the letter & match in the post office at Salem if he did not see you.

Did you ever get that wrench & Bill the Cap. sent from Helena- Let me know.
Give my respects to the Smith family and I will try to take care of my health as much as possible also the rest of neighbours. I will Pantry them this blue stamp as a Confederate one and the red one as a W.S. postage stamp you can take it to the post office and get it exchanged for small ones 3 cts stamps it is a 30 cts stamp you can keep the stamps to post letters I have plenty of them.
By his own going
off while he was a sleep
in his tent. Shields
of hilllone is dead

direct as usual

to Helena, your letter
was a month coming
have William to get aroonited
& Matt & Margaret & children
and yourself & mother i
am there it is a precaution

J. "P"

Isaac & Millis
is well Jacob
Hewold shot himself,
through the hand.
Department of the Interior.
UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY.
DES MOINES, IOWA.
Return if not delivered in TEN days.

Pension certificate
Margaret M. Eyer
Hillsboro
Ia.
Coirehane
Ballinagh
Co. Cavan
Ireland

Dear Sister Mary
Through Sister Jane
I have heard that poor William is dead. With
I heartily sympathize
with you in your
Calamity. Dear Sister
it is very trying and
very lonely for you
to be left alone now.
in your declining years
As you are now 98 years Pam shortly sorry
for you But my dear
Sister you have a friend
who sticketh closer than
A Brother when all earthly
Friends are taken from us
He will never leave us
Nor never deceive us a
how he loves if we put
Our whole trust in him
he will direct all our
Paths and bring us safe
home to Heaven at last
My dear sister, Ireland
has so much failed that
I am thinking of going
to America to take
a farm. There is a
place called Manitoba
I hear great praises of
for a healthy climate
and good land.
I could bring $1,000 or $500
with. There everything
here to make a man
comfortable but the time
we are failing
that people don't know what to do. Pen close this in sister Jane's letter, please answer this as soon as possible. Love me your loving Brother Humphrey Jones  Fegan

Farewell, dear