

Camp Justice Oct 23^d 1761

Dear Mother and Sister

I received your letter

yesterday and you cannot ^{think} what pleasure it gave me to hear from home. You need not fear that I shall get sick for I am very careful I go to bed at dark and bundle up in blankets,

You must excuse poor writing and spelling for I am in a tent with a jiggling set of fellows and am writing on a piece of board and have a very poor pen. We have better fare than we had when I wrote to you last, and I like very well, and it is very well it is so for there would have been blood spilled for us fellows that have volunteered to die for our country we are not going to ^{be} spit up on and used like dogs.

Tell uncle Guther that things look war like for hundreds of men are employed in erecting fortifications,

I took a trip up to Fort Scott to see how things looked there,

I could see clear out over to the broad Atlantic they were mounting

guns there so big that I could at most crawl in to them
and when they get it done it will be able to sink any thing
that may pass up or down the River.

A fellow just came in to the tent and says that we are to start for
the seat of war and I hope it is so for the nights are very cold
here and I hope we will go to a warmer climate.

I have got my uniform all but a vest and I think I shall have
it to day. Two men was killed at Camp Scott by being thrown from
their horses.

The Cavalry men say keep out of the Cavalry. A great many are deserting
from this camp. There is not any body satisfied they say they had
the promise of going home and they are they are a gone.

The officers. Some of them do not know enough to chew gum.

If I was a french man I could go home any time but as it is I cannot.
A great many ~~men~~ officers will fall by their own men. Tell the Father that I will
write to him in a day or two. Read and then burn. From your affectionate son
and brother G. G. Tibbels

Camp Gosh, Staten Island Oct 24th, 1761

Dear Mother and Sister

I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well, it is very cold here now. We have now just had the Battalion, tell me whether that he would have been willing to have walked 25 miles to have seen it, and when it broke up such hurrahing can only be imagined, and tell him that I have been on guard four times and the grand rounds came a round, and they tried to get ^{my} gun and one of them got my Bayonet.

Oct 25th I have not got my uniform yet and if I don't to day or Monday I shall enlist in some other regiment, or if I take it in to my head to come home I shall join the 14th for I don't think I have been used right for recruits come in to camp one day and get uniformed and furloughs to go home. The next. You need not think that I mean to desert the cause but I will

Camp Leslie Nov 13th 1861

Dear Mother and Sister

I received your letter

two or three days ago but could not answer it because I did not have the paper.

If that recruiting office is open in Utica see him about fetching my satchel when ever you have a chance,

I want to know whether you have got a pig or not, and is uncle Guther a doing well with his boat or not.

I cannot get my sickness taken here for we are confined in Camp as close as though we were in prison, but when we get to Annapolis Md. then I will have more of a chance,

We are not mustered in to the service of the U. S. as I wrote to you. We are a going to start on Saturday for Annapolis, Maryland, and we are a going to drill all winter, so you need not fear of my getting killed, but one of our boys got drown in a well last night.

You wrote to me that Charles Walker was sick with a fever and I should like to hear how he is, and tell him that I will write to him as soon as I can.

There is talk here now that we will be paid of Saturday and if it is so you will soon have some money, and when I get to Annapolis I will draw a relief paper so you can draw \$2 a week and so I think that I can help you a great deal more by staying here than I could by coming home. So good bye for the present.

Your affectionate Son and brother

Serge E. Tibbitts

Camp Richmond, Md. Dec 10th 1862

My Dear Mother and Sister

I now have the time

to write to you to let you know that I am well and in the best of spirits and am perfectly happy in the prospect of vanquishing the enemies of my Country.

We arrived in Maryland, a bout 3 weeks ago and could not write until now because I could not get the powder with,

I tried to write to you last Saturday but could not because I was in such a rage a bout old Burgess putting on guard for being absent at roll call and I will shoot him if ever I get him on the field of battle, for he is the meanest man in the regiment. Tell uncle Guther that if he could only look at the men in this State under arms he would think Jefferson Davis's battle was a bout ready for there is over 20,000 men encamped with us three miles of where we are, and we are all a going to start

South in a fortnight from now,
Tell Abe Walker that I took a tramp of a hunt ten miles
from Camp and got chased by two weasels.
Every body around are rebels and are not afraid to speak their opinion
any time they are furnishing our boys money and citizens dress to all who
would run a way and some of them got caught at it and are in a Camp
and will be sent to Fort Lafayette.
I want you to let me know how you get a boy and have you got a pig
Please send me Charles Walker's address and also send me a fine comb
and any things you wish. Address

Camp Richmond,
Annapolis, Md.
I am
Yours
Co. G 503 Regt.
N. Y. S. M.

George E. Tibbitts

January 14th 1762

My Dear Mother and Sister

I am now
on board the John Trucks, consisting a part of the fleet of
Fortress Mores, and am now a going to sail under sealed orders to
some rebel Port, thought to be up the York River to York Town,
or else to Norfolk.

We did not get paid off until we got on the ship, and we had a ground
4 days in the Chesapeake Bay, and so I could not get my money
home in time to pay Johnson. I am very sorry but could not help it.
I am very well and in good spirits and hope you are the same.

I do not want you to expose your health by going out in stormy weather
and I do not want you to put a boat out for I shall serve my flag faithfully
and come home all right.

I don't think it is right for Mrs Walker for to put so a boat, I shall
I shall feel very bad when I come home to hear that my Mother and sister

used to worry a bout me when I was engaged in the glorious cause of
up holding my Country's flag, and when I come home which I feel
perfectly confidently I shall, I shall very proud that I have had the
a chance to serve my Country, and I don't want to come home untill
I have the chance to bleed ^{some} rebel, not to say that I am not anxious
to be at home with you and Annee but I want the U. S. to be
at peace, I shall not come home unless I get sick,
Mother as soon as you get this go to the Adams express office in
our Uica and get your money.

The ship rocks so I cannot write any longer, } From your affectionate son and brother
Direct to

Direct to Father Monroe
Edwin Tibbels

Fortress Monroe Feb 4th 1862

My Dear Mother and Sister

I am still on board

the John Trucks, but we are just weighing anchor and bound for Annapolis
I rec'd your letter yesterday and I was so over joyed that I could not sleep
any last night.

You said you sent letters with stamps in them but I have never rec'd them,
I have not received any letters since I left Staten Island but it is as much
as you can expect of an officer in the DEEP, IN HELD you see, you ought
to have seen the piece in the paper about this regiment. it read in this manner,
The men of the 69th Regiment were not paid off until they got on board
of the John Trucks where they would be tempted to spend it over the gaming
table or spend it with the Butcher, and the Colonel a french villain
would not let Capt Cochen an honest and honorable man take the
money a share because he would not stand so good a chance of getting some of
it him self, and some of the officers have gambled their money away

and have borrowed of the private and I would not give ten cents on the dollar for all the pay they will receive of them.

We are just starting the Steamer Erickson is taking us towards Annapolis.

We are leaving the old war dog, Fortress Monroe, and a majestic sight it is.

While I am writing I can see the white tents of the rebels, on Sewall's point.

I will give you a little detail of our voyage to Cape Hatterass.

We started from Annapolis on the first day of January and the first day we run a ground in a bay and lay there 4 days and nights and had to throw

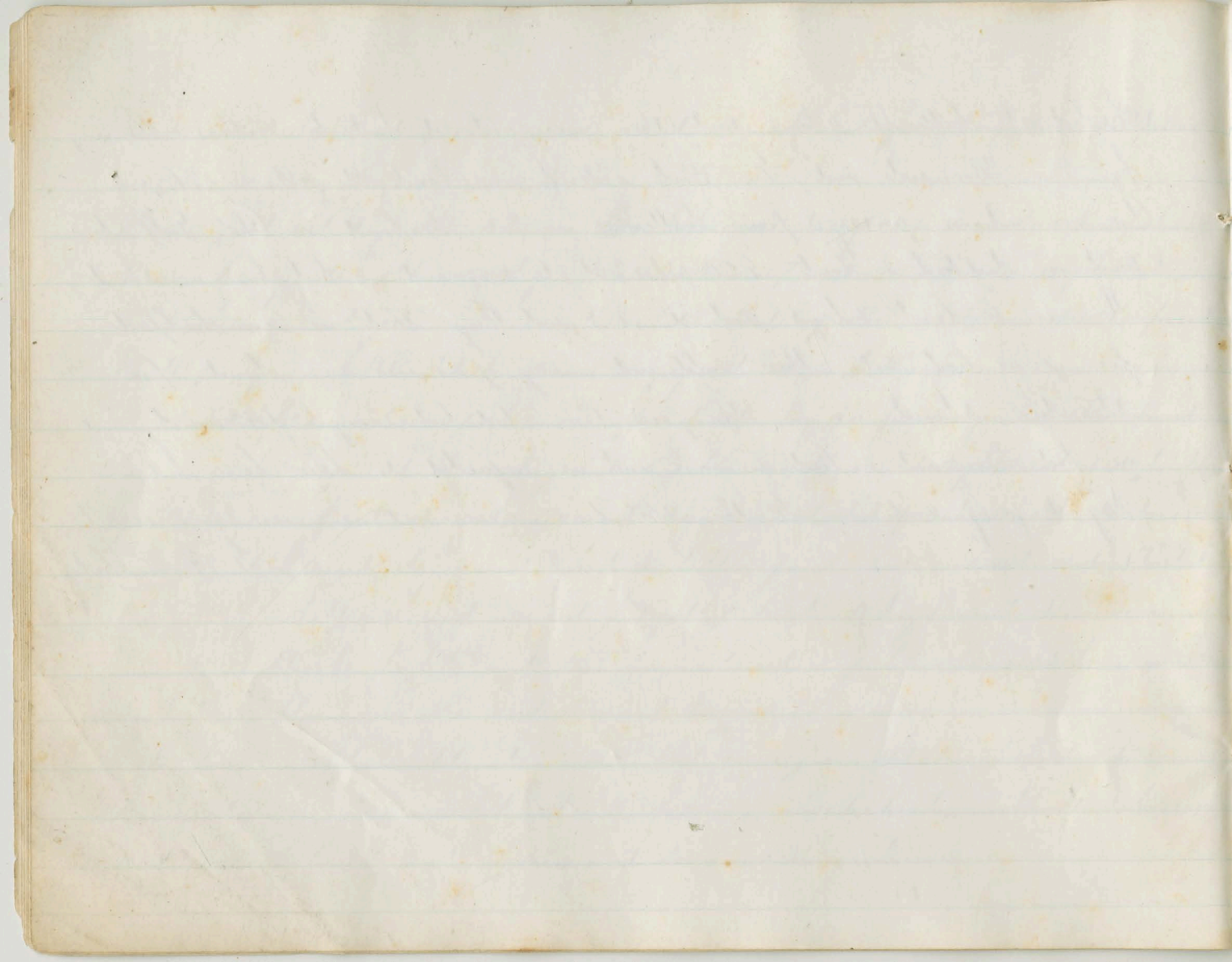
our tents over board to get off, and then we started off and arrived ^{at} Fortress Monroe, the next day, and had a little grub put a board and started

for Fort Hatterass and was out of sight of land 14 days, and then we run in to Hatterass Inlet, and there we weathered a gale, 74 vessels were wrecked or blown to sea and have not been heard of since.

The boat Admiral, the boat that ^{was} came from Staten Island to Annapolis on, was wrecked, also a schooner, Rockehontas with 100 horses and one Colonel and, 121 men, went down in the gale.

We laid at Statterass 4 days, and then were ordered back to Fortress Monroe,
by Gen Burnside, and Gen Bull ordered us back to Annapolis,
On our return passage from Statterass we were becalmed in the Gulf stream
and we drifted about 400 miles out to sea, and we had but a short
allowance about 3 days and it is a good thing that we were helped
for if we had not there would not many of us ever see land for
starvation stared us in the face for we had but enough for one day and
we had been out about a week and we expected to have been but one
day & going, and in all the the time we were out we never saw a vessel.

G. H. Tibbets



February 10th 1776

Dear Mother and Sister

You wanted to

know what kind of seeds those were, they were the seed of a pumpkin
That was as large as a flour barrel, I do not suppose that they will
grow so much in a northern climate, and those stones were some that
I picked up on the Plantation of Charles Carroll of Barotown one
of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and you wanted to
know if I ever felt sleepy on my post, no I never do and you need
not worry a button likeness, for I think you will see the original before
long for I think that the regiment will be disbanded and if it is
so not I shall stay untill next pay day and then I am coming
home and stay a few days and then go in the 14th I don't want
want you to think that I am a going to desert my colours but you
must recollect that I have not had that furlough that was promised
me and so I am a going to take one.

I want you to let me know whether McQuade's recruiting Office
is open or not, I have been greatly deceived in this regiment and I am
not the only one of the Wica boys that is coming home, so I must

and bid you good bye
Edwin Kellets

P.S. Mother I want to know whether you rec^d your money in time to pay
Johnson, I sent you \$27 the 15th of last month and I shall send you re-
m^t next month, and I want you to be very careful of your health for I think
that I can send you home money so that you will not have to go out in
bad weather.

I was very sorry that I could not send my money home before but I sent
it the first opportunity I had.

I told you that I had not rec^d any stamps but as I looked in to one
of your letters as I was writing I found I had in to another and found 2 more
I shall write regular every week, our man has gone on to Hatteras and I suppose it
is in Annapolis. When we left Hatteras the soldiers were giving off every part for the want of shells
we are to have the U.S. uniforms and I am a going to send this one home, Direct to Annapolis Dist.
Co D 53 regt 207 1/2

Annapolis Md. Feb 5th 1802

My Dear Mother and Sister

I now have the

pleasure of addressing you in this letter.

I was assur'd that we were to go back to Batteras but it was false, and we remained in camp at our old camp ground and I think the prospect is that the war will end before long we have a hand in it but I hope not for I do not want to come home before we have had one honorable skirmish, and if this regiment is kept as a land force I shall stand by it but if it is a going on another expedition, I shall go in another regiment, for I never mean to desert my Country's flag when it is in danger.

When we get off from this ship we are a going to stop 4 or 5 days in an earth work from which the rebels fired on Gen^l Butler, and he landed and and compelled them to surrender.

The boys that came from Mica have deserted two of them are named Tiger and the other King, also Owens just before breaking up camp.

There was almost mutiny and the Col. came to his senses a little and
so we got better usage, You need not think that I am sorry that I am
sorry that I have enlisted for I am not, for I knew there would be
hard ships, but we have had rather more than our share,
You wrote to me about sending me blankets but I have got a good W. Y. blanket
and that is enough, and I tell you with trust that I will get my skins
taken, and I should like yours but I could not keep it.

Anna said that the Yeaton boys said that any body could not be got
out of the army on the writ of Habeas Corpus. but I know better
for there was a fell 20 years of age got out of this regt and his name was George
Arnot, it may be that they know him, but tell them that I do not
want to be got out, for if I did I would take big bail for security,
Tell Wicthe Walker for that I think a great deal of that letter he wrote
but a great deal more of the promise, and tell Hyron Baldwin if he cannot
shoulder a rifle for his Country that he would make a better looking corpse
than a tartar and in time of peace is the time to learn that trade and he had better
let his mother make soldiers clothes and he had better hide himself, Tell him this for
From Edwin Tibbitts me

February 4th 1862

On Board The John Tricket

My Dear Mother

and sister I received your kind letter last and stated that you received your money and was very glad to hear that it was in time to pay Johnson for I supposed it was due the 11th day of January and the 1st of March I shall send \$26 more home, and I want you to set out a few more apple trees, on the side hill for I want a few set out every year, untill it is in an orchard, and if you can ^{get} live or six pear trees, it would be a great thing, and if you can ^{get} body to graft those trees I set out last spring. I should like to have it done for then the hill would be the most valuable part of the place which is now nearly worthless.

I rec^d a weekly Herald and do not know who sent it but when I read it, ^{it seemed} just as though I was at home.

We are to be landed to morrow I suppose, up home it is very cold.

When I was in North Carolina it was as warm as summer but
as we came farther North it began to ^{be} colder I want you to
write how you get a long and who takes care of old Mage and does
Carlo have a good place to sleep or has he run off and left you
if not take good care of him and not let him fight little did
I think when he followed me to Nica that it would be so long before I should
see him.

Tell Anna that she need not be alarmed about my getting
killed for there is not any danger of this ^{regiment} getting in to a battle,
you wanted me to write what kind of officers we have,
The Col. is a sort of a beast, he says that he is a man, amongst
men but a fool amongst fools, and my Capt. is a man but
but I have got a debt to settle with him if ever we get in a battle and he
knows it as well as I do my self, and my first Lieutenant is a gambler,
and is not very apt to pay his debts for he owes for his board to the Central Hotel while recruiting.
Tell Uncle Walter that when he answers my letter I hope it will be a good one, so I
must close, From your affectionate son,
George E. Tibbets

Camp Madison Feb Friday Feb 20th 1812

Dear Mother and Sister

~~To write~~ To you, I have ~~made~~ A mistake ~~I~~ I now take time to write
written ¹⁰ letters to you and received no answer, and have rec^d no paper.

We are encamped in Fort Madison and we have got the Sibley Tent and there
is 16 men in tent, and we live in first rate state, we have beef state and mutton,
any body can afford to be a soldier with such living.

We are going to be paid off in a bout 74 days, and then I will send you
\$20 by Adams Express, I want to know where that other money was to Father's sister
Hartford or Mica, so as to know where to send the next,

you said you would send me some things, and I will tell you what I want most, I want
two shirts one pair of drawers two towels one handkerchief one paper of needles one
spool of thread and a few cookies and I do not want any more for I have got a
good blanket, and if I had what you said you would send me, I could not carry
them. In my next letter I will send you a relief ticket.

The talk is now that we are a going to be disbanded. I have got a splendid gun and

I am going to take it a part and send it home, and my belt and
• beyond and hook some buttons you.

There is six boys from Uica their names are as follows. Arnold, Ching, Bent,
Dyert, Clark, Owens.

If you send me those things send me a receipt in a letter, if you are short of
money do not send them.

Do you have any work. Mother for Gods do not go out in bad weather, for
health is worth more than money.

write how you will get a boy. Please write ^{your} how you excuse writing, so I
must close, Do good bye

Edwin Tibbitts

Fort Madison Feb the 21st 1863

Dear Mother and Sister

I now take the opportunity

to let you know that I am well, as usual and hope you are the same. I received a letter from Abram Walker, and was very glad to hear from him, as I supposed he had forgotten me.

I want you to get your likenesses taken and send to me by the Adams Express, you can get a little box and put them in it. It is a great deal easier for you to get yours taken ^{than} me, for any of our regiment that is caught in Annapolis, is punished as a deserter, unless they have a written pass signed by the Colonel. Any body that has got business can get a pass, and when we get paid off I will get it taken, and ^{send} it with my money, for it will not cost any more, pay day comes on the first of March. We have very nice times we have fresh bread fresh beef, bacon coffee, and we can not eat all that is given us and so we trade it off for molasses and pies, and any thing else we wish, we have a good hard coal fire in the tents, some live

like things. It is a getting dark and so I must close. From your affectional son
P. H. Washington's Birth-day. The booming of cannons ^{is kept} by G. E. Tibbets
commences this glorious day, it is one that is sacred.

Genl McCallan has ordered a grand review through out the armies of
the North, and I think that that grand march will soon be made and
this war will soon end, and we will be discharged.

It is in the papers that this regiment and the Pru Hairs Cavalry and
the 11th Pennsylvania regts are a going to be discharged, if true we will be
at home before the first of April, and I guess that Jeff Davis will be
hung before long.

If you could only see what I can you would think that the Southern Confederacy
was not worth many cents. Ships are loading with shot and shells mortars cannons
and every thing else pertaining to war. It is rather hard to think that those
dreadful things are to slaughter our own Country men, but every infernal rebel ought
to be shot for the trouble they have caused us, Mother when you receive my money get every ^{thing} you
need such as flour and clothes, and then put away \$5 for fruit trees, for that will improve
the side hill more than \$50. So good bye Edwin Tibbets

Fort Madison Feb Friday Eve 1862

My Dear Mother and Sister

I received your kind letter

and you said the folks bother you about pay tell them to keep a way and
and as soon as you get the money that they will get it and if they can get
it any sooner tell them that you would like to know it.

I am glad to hear that you have got flour enough to last you all summer.

The probability is that in less than three weeks I shall be at home and if
it is so, I will stay at home a few days and then if you are willing to have me join
to the 10th reg^t. and if not I will do our haying, I probably will any how for this war
is soon a going ^{to} terminate, for Gen^l M^r Sherman will soon make a mass and
swamp rebellion out of existence. One of our Lieutenants was killed at the battle
of Roanoke Island and he was one of the nicest fellows I ever saw, his name
was Colron, he enlisted as a private and was promoted, to Lieutenantcy.

Dick Owens is a deserter and there has not been any body discharged out of this
reg^t there will soon arise in W^{va} 2 more deserters, Clark and ⁸⁹ident.

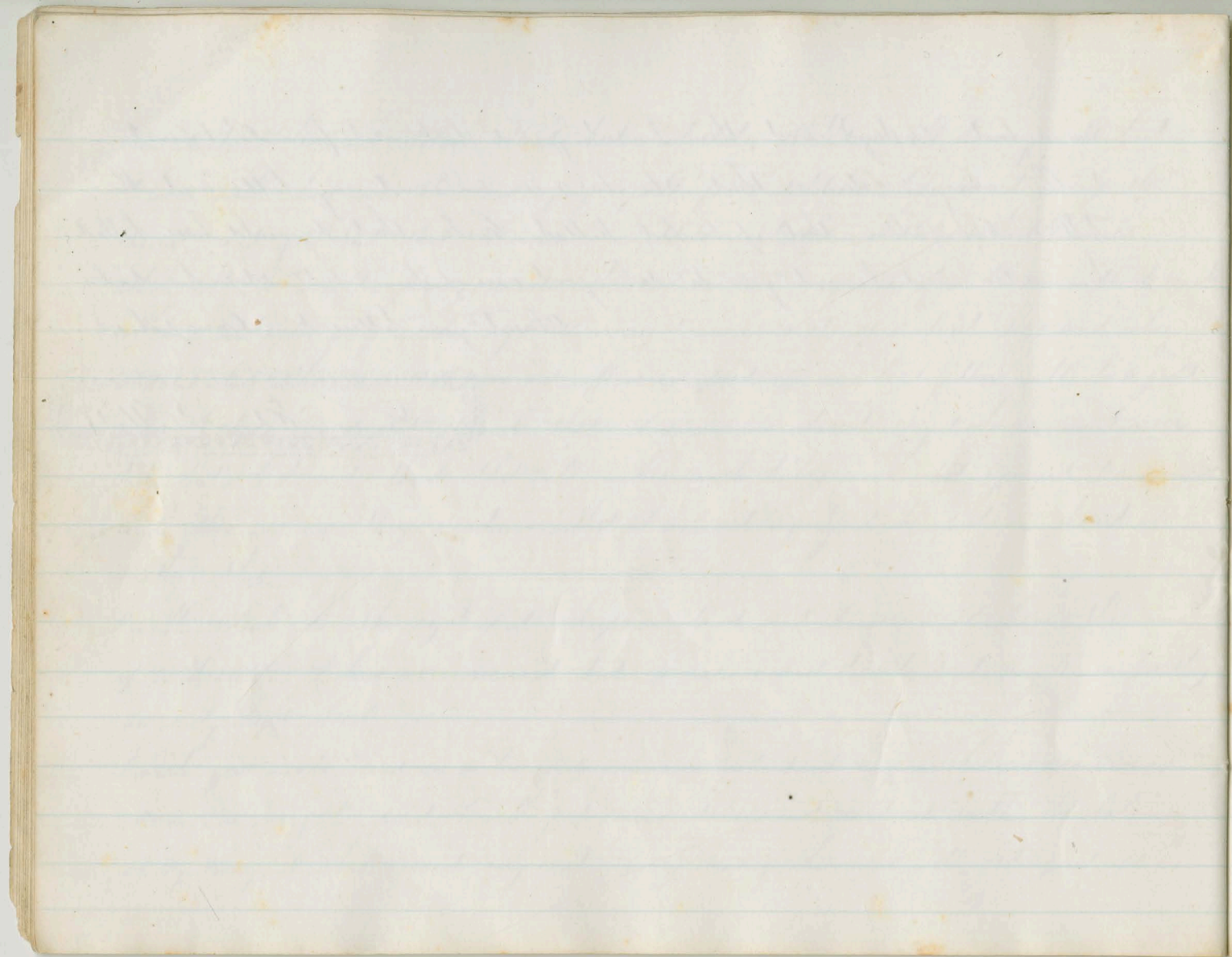
You said Oliver and Wilson had enlisted, Wilson will do very well but
Oliver will have more than one crying spell, for a soldiers life is not one of the
easiest, and you said that Corporal Tibbitts enlisted in the 69th I should
thought he would have gone in the 14th or 26th, as for me I will never think much
of him now after going in that reg^t. Our reg^t now consists of a bout 1100 and when
we came here there was 150, now and if we are paid off on land there will be a great
more, I hope you do not think that I mean to desert my colors, no I never
did but I do not think that it makes much difference what regiment I am in
and there is one thing certain that I am not going to be put on board of
another ship.

I will stick to the reg^t if it keeps on land and I never will have the name
of a deserter, I have never received but 4 papers and do not send any more for they
are only kept back.

I wish you would send me a box of unguisam, and send me your Likenesses and as
soon as we get paid I will get mine taken and send it with the balance
of my money, I shall send every cent of my money home we will get paid off

in about 24 days and then I want you to look out for No. 1 first
Tell Mary Adams that she has never answered my letter and then
tell Abe Walker that if he had killed Carlo that I would have killed
him also and I want you to take good care of him, but stop his ricks,
Direct your letters to Annapolis.

From Edwin T. Hill



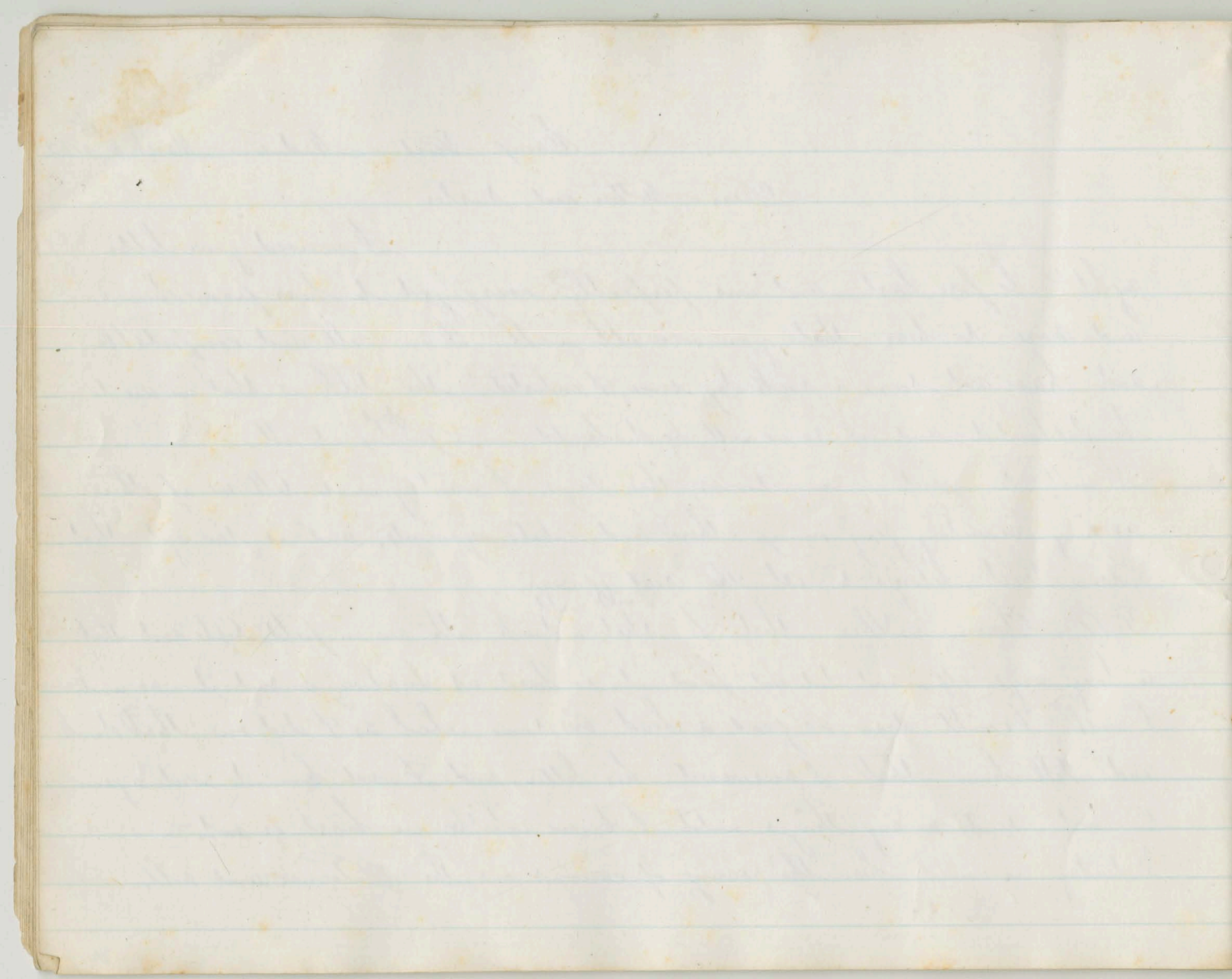
Camp Fort Madison March 6th 1862

Dear Mother and Sister

I received your letter
yesterday before dark and was perfectly overjoyed to hear from home,
and more to hear that you were all well. I am well and comfortable
and have not seen a sick day since I enlisted. The talk is that we are to
be disbanded and if so we will be disbanded in a few ^{days} if at all.

We will be paid off in two or three days. I want you to tell me if there
is any recruiting going on up there and what regiments, and is the regt. that
Wilson's Foot belongs to at the seat ^{with us} of war.

Tell Abram Walker that I shot a duck with an en field rifle and that
a long ways off, and did not find it so hard as he always said it was and
I wish I could draw as good a bead on some rebel as I did on that duck
and tell him that I answered his letter and I want him to write again.
Do not send me any thing's until I know whether we burst or not.
Yesterday we could hear the roaring of canons on the Potomac and all,



Communications between this and Washington is cut off and 25 car loads of killed and wounded passed through Baltimore, so you see some folks have to mourn the loss of fathers and brothers.

If we win the day on the Potomac it will ruin the rebellion, but in turn if we get whipped it will prolong the war.

I saw a piece in the Baltimore, Cliper that we were to be broken up if so the D. Epineuit, Youares career will be short short and inglorious but I am a going to see one bush with the rebels, for I have not served six months for nothing.

you need not send me any New York papers, we have got to fall in for dress parades.

I forgot to tell you that Cap^t Chester has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and he cannot drill a company, he made a mistake in presenting arms to the colors, and he is not any more fit for his office than a child 10 years old.

It is his fathers money that got him his position The men in this reg^t are to be offered a chance to go in the army or navy just which they please. So good bye

Edwin Tubbs

