

Camp Yates,
Springfield Ills.

June 30th 1864

Home:

Supposing that you would like to hear from me, I send you a few lines in haste.

Our party got along very well after leaving Palestine, with the exception of having to wait four or five hours for the cars at Lawrenceville.

We are all doing well at present. It has rained about half the time since we arrived at this camp. The sheds all leak where the soldiers are quartered but I have kept dry so far. A great many of the soldiers are weakened by the bowel-complaint, supposed to be caused by the water. They all nevertheless seem to be enjoying themselves hugely.

We were sworn into the U.S. service for three years unless sooner discharged, on Fry day. We expect to draw our clothes, blankets and tents tomorrow or next day. We have orders to march to Quincy, and will probably start on Wednesday. We will march about ten or twelve miles per day. An arrangement will soon be made, by which we will be clear of cooking for ourselves. The whole Company will have a man hired (for about 75 cents each per month) to do the cooking. The arrangement will suit me very well I think.

Tell them down there that the best thing they can do to Bill Boatright, is to egg him out of town & devil him to death. After being carried through four

of expense and finding that he would be received, he
backed square out and was ground out of camp.
Five or six other boys also camped and went
out with Boatright.

Tip Leach, Bill Dills, Hein, Keenitt, Leon Gogins Tolpaul
and myself will be mixed together if we are divided into
mups. Our company was over full but by sending
Bill Carver and a few others to other companies when
the oath was taken, we all got in.

Our new flag was brought into camp yesterday
but has not been out yet. It beats anything of the kind
in the Regiment. Tell all who wish to write to
any of our company to direct to Camp Wood,
Jersey Ills. Care of Captain Peck.

Yours Affectionately
A. M. Patton.

from Allen

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