Selton, Jan 4, 1839

My Dear Sister,

I have been looking forward to seeing you for some time now. Paul came up with Charles Brager and is staying on the farm while I stay in the city. Paul & Selma sent their love to you. I hope that you are all well. Please give this letter to someone you can trust to deliver it to you. I want you to hear from you all as well.

With love,

[Signature]
to your hearts. Pray for me set all my trust
for you. I hope so I will be bolder to
it on in a few days write one from there.
No more to write it seems to me the
apart from those that are near to some better
she is distant from them. Pund wrote
that he is staying at the Consul's house
at the invitation of the other. I hope he
is safe and that he has done me, with the Lord
anything to my dear brother. I am content
I know that you all are well and get
on well. I hope this will reach you
they are still labor to have a water
in very well meet to hear from
from that. Thank God. I am very

please your hearts, and

I wish you the best.
Eagle Groves Aug 16th 1862

My dear Sister,

I have not yet received a letter from Arkansas neither have I heard from Loris. I hope you are all well. I have not much time to write, there is so many persons around one speaking now that I can hardly write. I will write again in a day or two. Bakleton and I are going to church to morrow morning. There is not much news in camp. May God bless rest upon you all.

God grant that the loss of our beloved Brother may strange our affection from this world and fix them on the road to come.

Edward Chamberlain
Eagle Grove June 23rd 1862

My dear Sister,

I have received the letter from Earl of which I wrote to you in my last letter, it is dated Little Rock for Kansas May 26th 1862. Earl has received my letter the same day that he wrote and he has been in a fight. I will give you brief details about it. We started on a scout on the 17th of the month and had a fight with the Yankees on the 19th. There were about 300 men from this side and about 150 black men, there were about 300 Yankees. Only 130 of our men were engaged in the fight, we killed about 75 of them, five went one in 1 and 3 hurt boys. One of our company got wounded. I came out without getting hurt. The fight was about 50 miles from Little Rock near a little town named Searcy. I think we will start on another scout in a few days. I saw Earl this morning of one of our militia the other day and he has already had a chance at them. While I am stuck down here with no prospect of having anything to do. Earl also says that two of our companies are going back to Point Pines and he thinks they will have been enough there for a few days to drive the Yankees out of Arkansas. There are a book from 100,000 Yankees near Searcy 18 or 20 thousand on the side of the Red River. I don't know if I can say any more.
dead Yankees laying dead. Paul speaks of taking some horses and places some prisoners. Paul's friend Doe McCloud is a Lent man. If you have not sent Paul's letter yet tell him to direct my letter to you. My love to you all. God bless you.

In haste.

Write me soon.

Best is doing something.

Paul sends his love to you all.

From your affectionate Bro.

Conel
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 20th, 1869

Dear Brother,

I take this hand to Write you a few lines to let you all know how I am getting along. I am well, and I hope to be in this same healthy state of affairs. I may find you still in the same blessing. We all are well except myself. I was in the college in the fall, and went to school till the 10th of December. Since then I have been at home and have been very well, and I hope to continue so. There was a great deal of snow, and the weather has been very cold. We have had a lot of ice and snow on the roads, and it has been very difficult to travel. May the Lord bless you and your family. We love and cherish you very much. With affection,

[Signature]
We had a good luck & never got shot. I think we will start on another scent in a few days. We had the flight about 80 miles from Little Red, near a little town named Leavenworth. There are a good many soldiers here, and I think we will have more than enough in a few days to stop the Yanks in Arkansas. There are a good many Yanks about Leavenworth, and on the other side of Little Red River, some say about 13,000, others say about 12,000, 12,000 about. A good many soldiers, Yanks, officers, & ladies have been taken several horses &c. in Leavenworth, & one prisoner. I received a letter from you today, & from both, glad to hear from you &c. &c. &c. I hear of 50,000 &c. Yanks are expected. I have received letters, but I will write you again as soon as possible.
Eagle Grove  May  1862

My dear Sister:

I received your letter last week. Last Sunday was the first day we received the information of the death of one of our company, by the name of McMillan. He died near Houston and his body was conveyed here. We marched at reveille arms thus the Negroes were able to read the funeral services. The last week has been one of work to us, as we expected to have something to do; all our extra baggage was sent to Virginia Point, now we do not know what will help this morning as a great many cattle have been driven across the bridge. Mortarclaw is now in full force and can face her without defense and the rebels parties
returned a few days since with three concepct the boys were sworn into the service, two of them were taken to town. they have since detached the other one to grow more comfortably. since i wrote you last, i have received a letter and paper from paul dehale, washington clerk, may 13th. the men were in good health. they had had a rough time going through the swamps of inland mississippi where they were high. they propose to visit new orleans bluff in a few days. he could not say where they would stop but he thought they would go to tunica as soon as they reached at their destination. he will write to you. i am writing to him today but we just do not know where to address him at. paul sends his respects to miss jessie blacker. a great many people have crossed up on the train last week. galveston must be nearly empty now.
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Fort Eagle Grove Dec 7th 1863

My dear Sister,

I suppose you have read the letter I wrote to you a few days ago. A small boat came up within two miles of the pickets and fired at them. We have one of the shells in camp which had not exploded. It is of conical shape; it is hollow filled with powder and sulphur. The firing drove the pickets in. We were in great fear thinking she might come up near enough for us to fire at her. But even disappointed, Col. Water was here a few minutes after the firing. Capt. Whitaker sent the shell up to Forton by him. If things remain the same as now I shall be up in Washington Christmas. I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in spending Christmas with you all. As for the weather I have told you of the loss of two of our men, one of them a German. Accidentally shot himself through the side. He was found in this position a few minutes after it happened, which was in advance about 3&1/2 miles from camp. The man that found him in this position went to camp as fast as he could and reported. I was the first one that by the side of the wounded man, he suffered intensely. It was a painful scene but he lived only half an hour. The happened one month ago yesterday. The other case is a man by the name of Bowley who died of pneumonia.
The camp is deserted, the tents pulled in order, the firing done. The picket line was set up in great heat. Thinking they might come up near enough for us to fire at here, but were disappointed. Coff Maty was here a few minutes after the firing. Capt. Whitney sent the yell up to Houston by him. Things remain the same as usual. I shall be up to Houston on Christmas. If anticipate a great deal of pleasure in spending Christmas with you, all. I do not know where. I have told you of the loss of one of our Orions, one of them a German. Accidentally shot himself through the side. He was found in this position a few minutes after it happened, which was in a forest about 3000 yards from camp. The man that found him in this position came to camp as fast as he could and reported it was the first one that in the side of the wounded man, but suffered intensely. It was a painful scene. He lived only half an hour. This happened one month ago yesterday. The other case is a Orion by the name of Dorsely who died of pneumonia. Thank God that brother did not die in camp unless one has a dear friend in camp, who will nurse and tend him with something like a brotherly love, he will not receive the care that he ought. Yesterday a letter reached here for
him from his mother, it is not as to find out her residence which will enable me to write.
My dear Sister,

I received your letter just now by the Castleton (dated January 3rd). I don't know what day it was, but it was February 1st, the 3rd of the month. I was indeed surprised to hear this of Mrs. N.

I have seen Mr. Watson, but I know nothing of the family. Do you know anything about them? If it is Mrs. N. I have intention to send Delma; she had better leave. You say Fisk will leave for home today. I suppose she will be gone before this letter reaches you. I know of some place where Delma could go to get proper, in Fisk home. There would be a good place for Delma. I am writing she should go with him. What is she to do here? I don't quite like the idea of her going to a family of which we know nothing of. Please to give me all that you know about it. I will now give you the particulars of the battle.

At 7 o'clock P.M., with about 100 pieces of light artillery and about 3,000 soldiers, I was ordered by Maj. Geo. Rawten to report to Capt. Whitney for duty during the battle. We placed me in charge of a field battery. Over 100 pieces of light artillery were placed along the second street (which runs along the edge of the water) and a battery of lightmen near the mouth of which some Yankees were stationed. Just before daylight the first gun was fired which was done by Capt. Woodard. One battery Capt. Whitney, on a painted with a flag stationed near the church, and after the Peabody Lane was captured, we went down Remond and fired into the Parosco. Previously we had fired into the Peabody Lane. Maj. Geo. Rawten introduced me to take...
my gun to the 1st battery near which the Clifton &
Gadsen were lying with a white flag hoisted on them.
This happened after the 6th L. was taken, soon after
nearly all the 1st guns were pointed at the 6th.

To prevent any trouble, some time after they both com-
manded moving off. I immediately sent a man to
the Commander for permission to fire but he would
not permit it, saying not to fire until I had received
orders. I do not think he had any idea that they
intended to escape, when they got about a mile off.
Some guns fired. I then did not wait for any order
but fired as fast as I could. If all the guns had
been fired into them as they first moved off, they would
have been torn to pieces as they stood so close.

It is a miracle that none of us were killed. But the
time I was most exposed was this Capt. Whitaker sent
me with orders to Maj. Von Hartten who was around
at the 1st gun battery. I started from the brick store house
and met the Maj. just before I got to the place where I
expected to find him. I walked through Broad Street
through the hottest fire expecting every minute a ball
to pierce me. But God preserved me from harm.

There are 4 killed & 21 wounded in our regiment. John
Best's leg was slightly wounded. I wrote once again soon
Write to me as soon as possible about Selma. God be my love
to you all. God bless you all.

From your affectionate, Rector
Kemi
Galveston Nov 22nd 1863

My dear Sister

It is nearly two months since I left Houston and have not yet had a letter from you. I know you must be very busy trying to keep house and keep up your end of the bargain, but you must spare a few days to write me a letter. It is not easy to write a very long one as you will have a great deal to tell me about. I am anxious to hear from you. I wrote to you last Sunday, I suppose you read my letter. I also wrote to Amelia, but have not yet had an answer. I attended church this morning. I do not feel satisfied in my thoughts, or I would not have done so. I hope your plans are all right. I hear that one of your suits is to be finished. It will take some time for it to be finished. I am going to try to get it for yours. You have a long way to walk to church, but to day being such a nice day take care you are not. You must tell me how you are fixed, how you are getting on generally. I am put off to know what I can get some stuff to make Louis some clothing. I have not got enough money to buy it out of the store at 30 to 50 dollars, but I would like to provide clothing for Louis, myself, and do not want him to be too much in a bind to do as he pleases. Write to me soon, give my love to Clara and Justus. God bless and protect you all.

Thy own affectionate, Em.
S. a veston Jan 11 1863

dear Sister

I received a letter from you a few days ago. I was greatly surprised to find that I am mistaken in my last notion also with me of your wanting to live in your own, & suppose she had told you all I said about it. I am expecting an answer from her soon, tell me all that you know of him & and her family, I hope it will be arranged soon to your satisfaction. Your happiness and comfort is the only object I have in this matter. There are five vessels of the island now. They shot over one hundred shots into town and Fort Point yesterday. Striking several buildings and I also heard killing one child, but that I am not certain of. Nicaragua Smith, who deserted from our Company last July, came into the harbor last week from a vessel that was lying off the bar for a pilot, he did not know that Salfeston was in possession, he went on board the Harriet Lane and then found out his mistake, he was imprisoned and tried for desertion he was shot last Thursday. I witnessed the execution ten men of our company were details to shoot him, at 10 1/2 o'clock he was taken out of jail, placed in a ambulance on which was his coffin and taken out near the graveyard, he refused to have his eyes tied, but stood quietly and awaited his death with the best of faith.
I received your letter, & saw with great surprise the large sum of money you enclosed in it. I am not quite sure what you mean by "I have heard some one in the city say the bank is in financial difficulty." You wrote that I should come out to take a walk into the country and will become a new letter. I am not sure if you will be able to do it. I am hoping that you will write me about the house, etc. I will not write to you again; in fact I have all the particular I did not write to you in your last letter. For personal matters we have been printing attached to the letter. Write every thing of the house, & the family. I have been thinking about the family ever since I got your letter. I think the family will be very much pleased to hear your handwriting. I hope to hear from you soon.
Sirleston June 21 183-

My dear Sister,

I have been anxiously

but three days, yet now long they have been to

one I have been thinking of you all and o-

p and so pleasing in mind but to

God and my sisters and brother to

to Selma yesterday I have settled our

arrivals here, God alone can grant the

word, come Lord and rest at this

Believe me aching heart

a smile hand till we meet again

And call all thine glory depart

Then shall my drooping health

And bless thee health Scipio

and change these depend upon

For songs of Decree that

I saw I do this business well

Dearer resolved to take and improve

necessity the deep world with fruit

a home done there He shall see

(although the defence of glory)

What he thought He had and

depend much on human advice

and reliance is me my God, he will then

do and comfort us in our affliction

and has done this for some good purpose.

Though we can not perceive to Lord

that this trial may be a pain to us
The heart may be filled with peace and
that we may not again be called upon
to endure what we have endured, but no
way, but that it will be done. I say and see
the people, it's dearer to remain here and suffer
the same as it must or go to some other place.
I wish we all be of the household of
faith, so as not to chance to-in the
order of the dependents and ago into the
action to help one another. I trust you will
not come here, you are the better, if not
worst, of what you think you are now here,
before
I am not so sure. If our homes are not
at home and yet set it, the people believe
this as I shall write to have some account. I am
so to you in the love of the affectionate
Emil.
Galveston Nov 22nd 1863
(Sunday afternoon)

My dear Sister

I make an effort to write you a letter, though I do not know what to write also. How it is the same from the beginning to the end of the week: with the exception of a soldier going sentenced for stealing: he has to march each day one hour and one half, on the street the car stops (and at the time that they arrive) with a barrel on, marked in big letters "Thief" escorted by a guard and marched to the time of your Rev. Doctor. He has to go through for ten days. He discovers the punishment, but I had rather he shot than an

thought he'd die with shame. I hope you went to church this morning. This is such a beautiful Oh! Zelma that the sorriest heart will be touched by you becoming a Christian, if you will but give your heart to Him, you would then have the assurance of His Holy Spirit to enable you to resist the station. Think Zelma Jesus died for you that you let blood in Him, you will be saved. If you should ever be in your deceased what would you not give, that you might have an opportunity for repentance. Are you willing to die for your past? Do you know the fate of the unrepentant sinner. Think love, loves you, that He gave this only beginning. Oh that whoever believe in Him shall not die
but have everlasting life. Will you reject that too? Keep this in mind, think of it, that unless you have repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that when this life is over, you will then begin a life of everlasting misery among the damned. But God desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness. Do write to me soon, if but of few lines, I told Mr. Johnson that I would come to his house before I left the next morning. When I was in Houston last, when I came over to turn from the depot that evening to the inn, Mr. A. told, which induced me to stay one day longer, so I expected to come to your house next day. But next morning I changed my mind again and concluded not to waste another day; that is the reason when I did go to your house, as I promised, I told Mr. Johnson and good wishes to you and regards to Mr. A. Mr. Johnson gave me your and made over his own to the Judge of you affectionate Brother,

Emil Hermann
Galveston, April 24th

My dear Sister,

I suppose Union has read the letter I wrote to her last day or two. She sends her regards to all and would like to know August sends his regards to all and would like to tell his wife that he has ordered a new outfit for this week as the concert is foreseen to come on very soon, consequently the appearance of new clothing will come down here the day after the letter is expected by this letter he will be at the end of the month. It is only a week yesterday since I left England, it seems to me a month, the time has passed so quickly, the days being so long we are certain to see considerable

On the last few weeks, the climate has been quite conducive to good health, and the country in which we live lends itself to this, the air being fresh and the life lessened by having things in order, and to procure another if things are broken, as we have nothing, having a letter from him saying that he had seen Mr. Eaton to allow him to copy the present.

Yours...

[Signature]
Miss D. A. Neumann
Care of O. B. Black
Houston
Texas
Fort Eagle Grove Dec 7th 1864

My dear Sister,

I suppose you have read the letter I wrote to you a few days ago. A steam boat came up within two miles of the pickets and fired at them. We have one of the shells in camp which had not exploded; it is of concealed shape; it is hollow filled with powder and sulphur. The firing drove the pickets into the water in great glee thinking we ought some- thing neat enough for us to fire at them. But we were disappointed. Col. Water was here a few minutes after the firing. Capt. McIntyre sent the shell up to Houston for him. If things remain the same at present I shall be up in Houston on Christmas. I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in spending Christmas with you all. I do not know whether I have told you of the loss of two of our men; one of them a German accidentally shot himself through the side, he was found in this position a few minutes after it happened which was in advance about 3/4 of a mile from camp. The man that found him in this boat came to camp as fast as he could and reported I was the first one that by the side of the wounded man, I suffered intensely, it was a painful scene; he lived only half an hour. The happen- ence one month ago yesterday, the other case is a man by the name of BMI who died of pneumonia. Thank God that Brother did not die in camp.

Your affectionate son,

James Eagle Grove.
Phins in camp which had not exploded, it is of conical shape & it is hollow filled with good shrapnel. The firing above the picket in the wood in great lack. Thinking she might come up near enough for us to fire at her but was disappointed, Capt. Smith took the shell up to Houstton for him. If things remain the same as now I shall be up by Houstton on Christmas. Anticipate a great deal of pleasure in spending Christmas with you all. Do not know whether I have told you of the loss of two of our men, one of them a German accidently shot himself through the side, the other was found in this position a few minutes after it happened, which was in a horse about 3/4 of a mile from camp, the man that found him in this position came to camp as soon as he could and reported I was the first one that by the side of the wounded man, but suffered intensely, it was a painful scene he lived only half an hour the happened one month ago yesterday, the other case is a German by the name of Schweb who died of pneumonia. Thank God that Brothers did not die in camp unless one has a dear friend in camp who did so. Tend his with something like a brother's love he will not receive the case that he wants. Yesterday a letter reached here for
him from his mother, I depend on you to find out for assistance, which will enable me to write to her informing her of her son's death. She lives in Arkansas, seems to be very far, she commands her son to the mercy and protection of God. The health of our company is very good. I hope you are all well. I have not yet had a letter from Delmar. May God bless you all.

From your affectionate Brother

[Signature]
Galveston, Jan'y 18, 1863

My dear Sister:

I received your letter just now by Capt. Batteau (dated Jan'y 3d) and did not know what delay it was so long. I was indeed surprised to hear this of Capt. W. I have seen Capt. Watson, but I know nothing of the family do you know anything about them? If so it is true I intend to send Delma she had better leave, I'm sure Capt. W will leave for home to day I suppose she will be here before the letter reaches her. I know of Knowsboro players where Delma could go to at present, if Capt. W leaves it would be a good thing for Delma. I am afraid she should go with you, as what she shall do I do not quite like the idea of her going to a family of which we know nothing of. Please tell her all that you know about it.

I shall write you the particulars of the battle. We left Camp about 7 o'clock P.M. north about 30 pieces of light artillery and five thousand soldiers. I was ordered by Capt. D. F. Davis to report to Capt. Whistaker for duty during the battle. We reached in town about 2/3 o'clock A.M. The cannon were placed along the island street (which runs along the edge of the water) and a party of riflemen near the salt mall which were unoccupied by the enemy. The first gun was fired which was done by Capt. B. F. Granger. Our battery (Capt. Whistaker's gun) was satisfactory and the railroad fences, etc., were gone. The Harriet Lane was captured and went down Arkansas and lived into the Arkansas, previously we had directed the Harriet Lane, Capt. D. F. Davis and Capt. Whistaker's command and Capt. B. F. Granger's command and Capt. W. H. F. Davis' command.
my gun to the camp battery near which the 6th L.I. was... 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the 6th L.I. was taken. Soon after nearly all the guns were fired at the L.I. to prevent any attack on them, some time after this both confronked moving off. I immediately sent a man to the commandant for permission to fire, but he would not permit it. I say, not to fire until I had received orders. I do not think he had any idea that they intended to escape when they got a mile off. Some guns fired, I then did not wait for any other but fired as fast as I could. If all the guns had been fired then as they first moved off, they would have been torn all to pieces as they went on. It is to me incalculable that some of us were killed. But the time I was most exposed was this, when Captain Eastin, who was with me, under his orders to Major Don Quixote, who was with the colon battery, started from the back more house and met the L.I. just before I got to the place where I expected to find him. I walked through the thickest fire, expecting every minute a ball to pierce me. But God preserved me, I was not killed and 4 killed and 31 wounded in our regiment. John Eastin was slightly wounded. I will write again soon. Write to some 100 men possible about Selma. Goodbye my love, to you all. Goodbye.