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Camp Washburn

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Much respected friend it is much  
pleasure that I write you a few  
lines to let you see that I am  
all right, I cant think of much  
to write, only there was a boy that  
got poisoned, in company, A. B. reg,  
give my best respects to mother  
Ellen and Howard, Kiss tint for me

so good By tell Charley  
that I am all right, tell Dwight  
and Howard, that I am much  
Obliged, for those verses they sent  
to me, tell George that I will pitch  
him some cordy when I come  
home good By for this time

Elisha H Estabrooks

To Bliss Wheaton

Direct your letter to  
Camp Washburn 35<sup>th</sup> reg. Company  
B, Milwaukee

Write soon

Elisha H Estabrooks



Camp Washburn,  
~~March 2~~ March <sup>and</sup> 2  
1844

Dear father I received your kind  
letter to day, it found me well and all  
the rest of the boys, I enjoy my self  
sint last, we have good times here  
we haurent got all in one company  
yet, we shall get our money to  
morrow if nothing happens, and  
then we will get a furlow;

Wm Titus is well, titus and I bunk  
together, seth is all right,  
we have skatings here every  
night, the 14<sup>th</sup> regiment has  
been here, but they have gone,

please write soon  
dont worry of heart  
me for I will take care of my  
self, so good Bye for this time

Oliver Henry, Estabrooks  
To, Robt. Estabrooks, Esq,

Direct<sup>ion</sup> to E. H. Estabrooks  
Co. B, 35<sup>th</sup> Regt., 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
3<sup>d</sup> division, 19<sup>th</sup> army corps,  
Wis Evh. Eickshurg Miss,  
be shure and put this all on.  
Robt Estabrooks From E H C  
Write soon

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Monday  
Milwaukee, March 13, 1864

Dear father Mother Sisters  
and Brother, I sit  
down to let you see.

How I get Along, when we got to  
Minnesota Junction we had to stay  
there about 4 hours then we  
took the cars and arrived at  
Milwaukee about 6 O'clock, all safe,  
we did not get to the camp quite  
as soon as we expected, all goes  
off right, Titus is on picket  
duty to day, one of our boys  
lost 7 dollars last night  
I dont see whether it was  
stolen or not. The boys are all  
quite well at present, we think  
some of coming home on it

From a school  
Ed. 18

Wm. H. ...




Camp Washburn

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dears father Mother sisters  
and brother, safe in camp  
Washburn. At gain, we had  
good times of coming back  
here, we did not find that  
fellow that we was after,  
untill we got to camp, he  
had got back and had been  
in the gards house for one day  
and two nights, he returned  
to camp the next day after  
we got to ponddu-lae, he had  
found out that we was after  
him, and he kept of look out.  
It rained here quite hard





Yesterday it is some muddy,  
not near as bad as it is  
in ponds in Lae,

Father I received, that letter  
that you wrote just before  
I was at home,

There is a plenty of card  
playings here, but Father I have  
quit playing entirely I have  
a group to play a nuther game  
of cards while I am in the  
army, it is apt to lead  
a person in to trouble, I drink  
beer and use tobacco that  
is the worst habits I have  
got there is no news here  
at present, and I cant write

A very long letter,  
please write soon tell all the  
news there is on the opening

if you see Charley Ingram  
tell him that I am all right

has uncle Charles got  
A Substitute or has he  
made up his mind to go himself  
that is all at present

Kiss Tim for me  
I dont see whether  
I shall get a chance to  
come home or not  
if I dont I should like  
to have you come down  
here and see me I dont  
think we will leave here  
under three or four weeks

please write soon  
and direct your letter  
To

Milwaukee Camp  
Washington 35 Regt Co B  
Wis. Volunteers,

that letter you write  
me before went to  
camp reached, and then  
it was sent back to me

give my best respects  
to all

Elisha H. Estabrooks  
To

Mr, R. Estabrooks, Corp,

I expect to day is  
Section

Good By for this  
time

Camp Washburn

April 13/64

**OUR COUNTRY.**

Dear father yours  
come to hand to day. it would  
me well and I wish, father  
it is hard thing when we  
will leave here. They are  
talking of going next  
week but I don't think  
they will, Father there  
is no news here at present  
dinner is ready and there  
is one of our boys going  
to Ford du Lac, and I can  
send this letter by him.  
I just had my likeness  
taken for you with my  
gun and accoutrements.

That is all at present  
As your son

if I can find a  
free shore when  
shall leave this &  
I will write if we don't  
go soon I may get a  
pass to come home  
my respects to all  
yours truly  
Mrs. Robert Estabrook  
From  
E. H. Estabrook,

I was over to see  
Oliver Monday he  
was all right

please write soon  
Titus is well  
not much sickness  
here now



Camp, Washburn  
April 13, 1869

father we have orders  
to march next manday  
I did not see for  
shure until now,  
father I should like to  
have you come down  
here if you can.

I think now that  
we will go without  
paid. I was out on  
patrol last night  
and I haven't got up  
yet

I am in bed,  
So Lumber, come over  
here to get me the  
back of letter, and I  
thought I would send  
this with his.

Father that is all  
at present so good  
By

I have no doubts  
but what we will  
leave here monday next  
So Lumber, wants you  
to pack his or stings  
straps and ropes and send  
them down to Milwaukee  
with the rest of them

it is so dark here  
in my bunk that  
I can't follow the  
lines. come down here  
if you can before  
we leave here,  
we talk of going on  
our river.

Respects to all.

Mr. Robert Estabrook  
Dover

E. H. Estabrook





Union now and for ever



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Camp Washburn April 10,

Dear father its is with the greatest  
of pleasure that I write you a few  
lines to let you see that I am  
as well as usual. Hoping these few  
lines will find you the same and  
all the rest of the folks, Father  
I sent my things to John Carpenter  
in Grand Lac. There were fifteen  
or twenty of us sent to him  
you will have to pay the  
expenses of sending my things  
through. Tetus has got one  
blanket rolled up in side of  
mine. I sent three blankets  
one shirt and two Company  
records. I wished you would

give Charley one of those  
company records and tell  
him to get a frame ~~and~~ for it  
and I will send him the officers  
pictures as soon as I get them.  
Their names are under the  
photographs that are on the  
records. I think they are  
quite nice, father give my  
best respects to all. I expect  
we will see hard times before  
we get home & gain, if I  
live to get home. I enjoy  
myself first but I don't  
expect any thing else but  
hard times when we get  
down south. I will be  
glad when we leave this  
miserable hole.

when we get settled,  
A gain I will write  
and lets you see how  
I am A getting A lung,  
that is all at present  
So adieu, By your  
this time  
yours truly, Robert,  
Estabrook

Yours C. A. Estabrook  
Tell him if I ever come  
have A gain that I will  
pitch her A present,  
tell Howard that he must  
be A good boy, and tell  
Ellen to not flirt with  
the young boys to much,

Respects to all  
tell mother to  
Remember me

we are A going  
the 15th of April

I guess we will go on  
red river that is the  
talk now

Write soon if we  
go before the letter gets  
here it will follow us  
up.

tell Mr VanAllen  
that I am as steady  
as an old deuce



Camp Washburn April 17

Father I am well. This morning andrew Wilson wanted to sell me his blankets and I thought that I would buy its. we had our box all packed and nailed up and on a wagon. and I thought that I would send its by express. and I done so. you will get its at the express office.

we are a going tomorrow morning if nothing happens we are all ready to start so good. By per this time Robt Estabrooks driver  
& H Estabrooks



Please hand this to  
Mr. Robt. Estabrook  
From O. H. Estabrook



Cairo Illinois April 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear father mother  
Sisters and brother,

we are still moving down the  
mississippi's. but I am well and  
enjoy my self well. I have seen  
A quite a large part of the world  
that I never saw before. I havent  
seen any part of the country that  
suits me as well as Tomb du Lac.  
there is all <sup>English</sup> sand this  
way so suits me. Father we have  
very good times. there havent many  
of the boy sick yet. but I am  
A fraid that it wont be A great  
while before there will be some  
sick. I have been very tough  
so far but I cant tell how  
long it will be before I am  
sick. it is hard telling. untill



direct where I told you that  
we are taken. A person may  
be well one day, and be very  
sick the next day, it will be  
some time before we get to  
Alexandria, we don't know when  
we will get any mail, till we  
get settled there we will get  
mail more regular, there isn't  
any news to write this time,  
only that I am up sitting up  
a lot of bags of oats, and  
writing. The water is very vile  
here in the ~~stomach~~ Mississippi  
River. The food is not what  
we have to drink. That is all  
for this time good. By  
Bill is well and wants you  
to give his best respects to  
his friends. Please write often  
yours truly Lewis E. H. Estabrook  
to Mrs Robert Estabrook

Port Hudson Louisiana

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father I am quite  
well at present, and thought that  
I would write a few lines home and  
let you see where I was and how  
I was getting along, we are on land  
once more. we all got so sick of staying  
on the boats that we did not see  
hardly what to do. we were on the  
boat most two weeks. we did not  
hardly step off, we started from  
St. Lewis and went down to  
New Orleans. we lode there two nights  
and one day then we started back  
to port Hudson it took us two night  
and one day to get back. then there  
was six out of each company detailed  
to help unload the boats, and I  
was one of them, we worked till  
noon without our breakfast.  
then we were released, then we  
had to march to camp that was

only one mile, that was hor<sup>se</sup>  
enough to go before we got our  
breakfast or dinner. after we got  
our dinner we went down to a spring  
and took a good bathing. I think that  
done us some good. A great many  
of the boys have got lots of  
gray backs, or body lice just as  
youre at mind to have it.

but I havent had any yet and  
I hope I wont have any.

The principle thing here is niggers  
and mules. I am getting so  
tired of seeing the black coils  
that I dont see what to do  
but we will get used to it.  
After a while, the water we have  
here is just the collar of the  
water that is in the roads  
ditches <sup>then</sup> after a heavy rain storm  
well I dont see but that is  
good enough for a soldier.  
The worst is the hot weather

that troubles me the most but  
we will get used to that either one  
way or another. we have got tents  
now. its the first time that we  
have had any. they are just large  
enough for two to sleep in. its  
very hot in them when the sun  
shines, we are encamped on the old  
battle field, here to port hudson.  
the ground is covered with all  
kinds of shot and balls also  
shells some of the shells are bursted  
and some of them are sound.

I am rather shy how I handle  
them, there was a couple of  
negros got killed here the  
other day by a shell bursting,  
the report is here that they have  
had a fight down red river  
and our folks got whipped  
out. I dont see how true it  
is. I dont pretend to believe  
half what I hear unless some of

The officers tells me  
Father I am A getting tired  
of writing and I must stop  
My Birth day was yesterday  
I was 20 yrs old.

I wonder if I will see  
my next Birth day  
so that the plier plague me  
so good by for this time  
give my best respects

to all  
my own folks especially  
so good by for this time  
From E. H. Estabrooks

To Robert Estabrooks  
please write soon tell all  
the news I haven't received  
any letter yet.

Direct your Letter to  
E. H. Estabrooks

Port Hudson  
Louisiana

good by Write soon

we haven't

got word Port Hudson  
yet.

Louisiana, May 13,

Dear Father, it is with the  
greatest of pleasure that I  
send a few lines to you to let

you know we are still  
at Port Hudson. Father I am  
little unwell at present,  
the cough quite bad I run  
a person down very young  
we expect another winter  
place every day, the coast  
being very firm, very little  
winds, it is quite warm  
now, it is impossible for  
the weather to be so hot

Father Sister sends his best  
respects to you. I feel  
a great deal better than I  
did last night. I just had a  
good supper we had some  
brandy, chess and tea  
I think that made it very good  
I am  
Your affectionate  
son

Father we havent received  
any letters from home as I  
yet but we expect some every  
day. There is no news here  
at present so good. By  
Please write soon

Direct your letters to  
Port Hudson Louisiana

Tell all the news  
and how you get  
along with the house

give my best respects  
to all of the folks.

Charley and Mr. Raylton  
Especially E. H. Estabrook  
to Robt. Estabrook

Bebbledon June 8. / 64

Dear father mother sisters and  
brother. I am well at present,  
I received two letters from  
you yesterday, one was written May-  
22, <sup>and</sup> and the other was written April  
27. <sup>th</sup> I was very glad to hear from  
home and to hear that you all  
was well, and to hear that you had  
got some one to help you in  
your work, I think if I live to  
get home I will have quite a  
flock of sheep, if they keep on in-  
creasing, and I think that Milley's  
cote will be large enough to  
bake, I am glad that you have  
got a long with the house as  
well as you have, father I  
enjoy my self very well, but it  
is very hot here, I had a letter  
all written sealed up and a stamp  
on it, and the male came  
just in time to save me from



Sending it, ~~father~~ you said  
that you got those blankets, you  
did not say how many you got  
I sent three in that box and sent  
one rolled up, and sewed together  
slight it By express, please tell me  
whether you got them all or not  
and whether you got Titus's,  
Titus is on picket guard to day  
he stands it very well, but the  
picks trouble up his some,  
there is a hunt 10,000  
soldiers here to Fort Hudson the  
most of them are negroes the  
there is some cavalry, artillery  
and infantry, it is fun to  
see the artillery drill and shoot  
blanks cartridges it makes the horses  
pump all in a while, I haven't  
Received any letter from uncle  
Charles yet but I may get  
one the next time the mail  
comes in, I am of getting, so  
tired that I will have to close.  
Father the time passes a very very  
quick here, Good Bye for this time  
Write soon, Directors,  
E. A. Citabrooks, Fort Hudson La. Co. B.  
35. Regt W. I. A.  
tell all the news with as sweet as  
you get this. Respects to all the family

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## Morganza Bend

June 28, 1844,

not forgotten ones at home. I take this opportunity to pen a few lines to let you see that we are quite well at present. Hoping these few lines will find all of the family the same, I mean by saying we, that Titus and my self. we keep to gather the most of the time and wish to gather. I will say to you that we have left Fort Hudson. June 20, 1844. had orders to pack every thing get read to march, the orders come at eleven o'clock Saturday night, to march on the next day at eleven o'clock. it made us hurry to get ready in such short notice. I did not ~~bring~~ march with my company on account of sickness. so I had my knap sack carried on the wagon, but I buckled on my equipments and took my gun, and after they got loaded up. I got

I and

at the top of the load and road down to the landing  
where we went & board of a boat that was named  
Iberville, it was quite a nice boat, but it was small  
and could not get a regt of men on it, and there had  
much of a chance to lay down and rest, we only  
rode 23 miles as they called it, and then she landed,  
she landed just dark, but we had to stay on the  
boat all night, the best of it all was we had a chance  
to get Ice, Lemmonade Strong Beer Brandy, the beer  
Lemmonade and Brandy was only 25<sup>cts</sup> a glass and very  
small glasses at that. The brandy was very good you  
would get one swallow for a quarter, that is the way  
every thing goes here, if the boys could get a little  
Liquor once in a while there would not be so many  
sick, they drink a great deal of water, and it is so hot

3d. that we cant breathe some times, we are in a  
beautiful place now rite on the banks of the MS River  
where we can see all of the boats when they pass.  
we can go & fishing almost any time. there was one  
of our boys caught a large Catfish last Evening.  
I tell you It was butifal eating. Abe Hyde cooked  
it, and gave me a piece of it for my breakfast.  
Father there is as near as I can tell 30, Thousand Troops  
here the banks of the river is strong for some miles,  
we dont noe how long we shall stay here our cant  
tell till we get started a way. the boys seem  
to enjoy them selves very well here. I havent  
for ove been home sick since we left Milwaukee.  
But I have had a good chance to be home  
sick. for I have been sick with other diseases  
the La quick step is the most that troubles  
me. that and hot weather. I cant think of  
much to write this time. I tell who is

A working Witness Place, and how they are at  
getting Along with it, Father I have received several  
Repositors from you but I haven't Received any  
letters for about one month, the last letter  
that I received from home was written May 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
I would like to get some mail before a great  
while. I would feel better then, I want you  
to tell every thing that is at going on at round  
there and write once a week if you can and  
then I will hear from home a little oftener.  
when you send a paper just drop a few lines,  
and send it on the inside of them so good By  
Ellen do you have a good school this summer. No.  
what is Lydia B. A doing this summer and all of the  
rest of the girls around there I can't think of any  
more to write this time so good By, give my respects  
to Lydia and all of the girls around there, tell them that  
I can't get time to write to all, they must write to me



Morganza Bend,  
Thursday, July, 7, 1864.

Dear ones at

home, I received a letter from you  
yesterday and a paper with it.  
I was very much pleased to hear  
from you for I haven't heard from  
home before in about two months.  
Your letter found me still trying to  
live, and in good spirits. I enjoy my  
self very well but not as well as I  
would if I was not sick. I am not  
very sick but just sick enough  
to not feel like my self. I have  
had the Louisianas quick step ever  
since we landed to Fort Hudson.  
I don't think you would hardly  
see me now for I am very poor  
and my hair is cut so short that  
it can't be pulled. I think that  
I will come out all right after a  
while

if I am careful and take care of my  
self the old soldiers say that where  
a person is taken down in the way  
that I was that it took nearly all of  
the first year for them to get  
climated and get tough, I think if  
I live through this spell of sickness,  
that there wont any thing kill me unless  
its either lead or Iron, that I am  
not afraid of. I am glad that you  
are getting a long so well with the  
house, I may not live to enjoy the  
comforts of it, but I am glad to hear  
that the rest of you enjoy your selves.  
I am sorry to hear that mother is  
unwell. I should liked to been there  
and went a fishing with the rest  
of the boys, I warrent you they had  
fun, tell Charley that Mrs. Walker has  
made me two calls, I was very glad  
to see him he is as tough as a bear

his Regt is within two miles of us  
they expect to move in a few days,  
that Regt is in the same Army Corps  
that we are in. that is the 15<sup>th</sup>

it is not likely that we shall stay  
here a great while, we dont generally  
noe only a day or two before hand  
whether we are a going to march or not.  
Father they got up a lot of things to  
send home. the S. I. Loc Boys, and I sent  
my dress coat home. it was not worth  
much but I did not want to throw  
it away I would of sent my over  
coat but I could not get it in to  
the barrel, I may have a chance to  
send it yet if I do I will write  
about it. Titus sent his over coat  
dress coat and a pair of pants, he  
sent them in care of you, you will  
find these things to Valentines &  
at Gods Store, were not where that



Dear Mother. Ellen, Howard  
Dink, and Dick. Do send 3 for the  
times

The express charges are paid you  
may have to pay them some thing for  
their trouble, you can do what you  
are of mind to with that coat it had  
likely that I shall ever wear it if I  
come home. Dittus health is as usual.

I wished you would send me a few  
Postage stamps in the next letter your  
will, or send them inside of a paper,  
The papers come oftener than the letters.  
There is a great many sick in this regt.

Ellen I wished you would send me  
some Love letter paper for I am  
entirely out, I have got large sheet  
paper but that wont do to write to the  
girls with, I am very much Oblized  
for that paper and envelope you sent  
me. I thought that I would use it  
to write home seeing it came from there.  
I am a getting most tired to write  
much more so I will have to close, So Good  
By

Vicksburg Miss Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear sister

I received that letter that had so many parts to it. I was very glad to see the friends that I had left behind willing to write a few lines to me to encourage me a little. I don't feel like answering them to day, but as soon as I get a little stronger, I will try and write a few words in reply to those that the girls and give my respects to Briggs girls, and Miss Chase in particular.

I can't think of any more to write this time. Tell Charley Ingram that I haven't received any letter from him since I was there to port hudson and that one I answered the next day after I got it, give my best respects to Charley also Mr. Banister that is all for this time, as good bye for this time, hoping if we don't meet again here on earth that we shall meet in that better land where there will be no more parting, put your trusts in god and you will always have some one to guide you, Write soon, Tell all the news.

yours truly  
From Eliza A. Estabrook to Ellen J. Estabrook

Dear Mother

how often I think of you, and the many good favors that you have done me. Mother being I was at writing to all of the rest I thought I would write a few lines to you, to let you see that you was not forgotten by me, Mother I live in hopes of getting home at home but if we dont meet here on earth at gain its is my desire that that we may live so when death comes we can be ready to meet our blessed Saviour, I cant think of any more to write this time, so good by, Mother your Prave that I may Prave faithful

good By for this time What soon, Son To, of Mother,

have you received your coats yet, I sent two with a be by de one in a barrel to Valentines and Amsteds, and Mother

Dear Aunt Lile as Ellen has said that you was to our house I thought, that I would pen a few line to you, my health is some better than it has been, and I am in hopes of getting well before a great while, I havent been well for over three months I have had the diareah all the time and some fever with it, that keeps a person very weak, all for this typer good by, from a not forgotten friend C. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. C. Wheaton  
Please write

unless they are so sick that they never can get well down here, there has been quite a number that has got furrows and some of them have died before they ever left the Hospital, and some would die on the road home, I think that I am some better in health now than I was when I was left here, the Diarrhea runs me quite hard, it keeps me down so weak all of the time, so that I cant but just get around and help my self, it is rather sad news to hear that Colton is dead and Henry, A. Chase is wounded, you wanted to me whether I had received the Saturday Reporter or not I have received several of them, but havent had any lately, Father I dont think there would be any use in your coming down here after me, for I dont think they would let me go, and it will cost quite a little sum of money to come down here and go back again, if I get worse and get dangerous I will let you me in time to come down if possible, I shall write as often as once a week then you will me how I will be getting along, all for this time

Wisconsin

Fond du Lac Sept 1<sup>st</sup> /64

Elisha I have Just Received  
yours of August 21<sup>st</sup> to let you  
know that we are all well Except  
my self I have the Dinea quite  
bad but think that I will get  
better in a few days we are a  
going to send you a Box of articles  
to morrow the 2<sup>d</sup> day of sept we  
will tell you in a letter that  
we will put in the Box what articles  
we send & who sends them you will  
haver to look out or the Doctors dont  
let you use the articles we send you  
we will send you some first Rate  
Brandy & you musent use but little  
at a time until you know what Effect  
it will have we will send you  
a No of articles. I cant tell all now

but will tel you in a letter  
that I will put in the Box  
I will send you a little Money  
in the letter Howard has written  
you a long letter & I inclose it in  
mine to you & that has Note to you  
they are crazy allimoste when they  
get a letter from you we dont no  
where Titus is they dont get any letters  
from him lately

We will write to you  
a gain to morrow & put it in the  
Box the Neighbourz are all well  
Robt Estabrooks  
To Elisha W Estabrooks

Wisconsin

Sept 2 1864

Grand Du Lac Aug

Elisha I will give you  
a list of the articles we send  
you

- 1 Bottle of Pickles Liza Walker
- 1 ... of Current Wine W. Weston
- 1 can of Butter Van & L. B. Ingren
- 1 Bottle French Brandy from home
- Crackers & Chees from home
- tea from home

I send you two Dollars  
in money from home

a little White Shauger

that is all we can send  
you at this time & hope  
before this is used up you  
will be able to join your  
Regiment take good care of  
your self dont over load your  
stomach

When you get the Box  
answer soon look out  
or some one will steet  
these thing from you dont  
trust no one unless you  
know them I cant say  
any more at presant

Robert Estabrook  
To Elisha<sup>th</sup> Estabrook

R S Take good care of  
your self & keep up good courage  
Dont get down hearted and then  
you will get well the sooner  
you asked me how our crops  
was this year Wheat & Hay are  
very lite I think about 1/3 of a  
crop Oats & corn are very good  
Potatoes are lite

We have five horse kinde  
with the colt that is solde for 25 dollars  
your head heifer will come in next. there no more



The Chees Mrs Ingram sent  
the little bottle of currents  
from Mrs Weston perhaps  
you had better talk with  
the Surgeon & he will tel  
you what will be best for  
you —

4 Pounds of crackers  
the Cawrant wine is 3 or 4 year  
olde — the french Brandy  
is made of grapes you  
can take one table spoonful  
at a time

Dr Wright said that would  
ent hurt you but would  
do you good

Grand Du Lac Sept 2<sup>o</sup> 1864  
I am a Gairy mail to Express  
this to you the Brandy  
5 Dollars cost 1,75 cts

we are all well at this  
time & hope these few lines  
will find you Improving  
I am in a hurry & cant  
write any more

Yours in haste

Robt Estabrook

To Elisha Estabrook

I send you ten  
Postage Stamps

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

Elisha I will send you a  
handkerchief that is all I have  
got ready to send.

To-day is the last day of  
School I must go for it is  
past nine Ellen to Elisha

Lond On Lac Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Elisha de haive Just

Receided your letter Dated August  
29 & the other one was Dated the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Day of August This last letter has  
ben written 3 weeks there must be  
a nother letter on the Road Elisha

I sent you a Box of things &  
in the box there was two letters  
one from Henry Chase & the other  
de Kote I put in 10 stamps &  
said I would put in two Dollars  
but Elisha I for got to put it in  
when you Receide the box & letters  
I will send you two or 3 Dollars  
I Paid the Express charges & hope  
you have Receided it before now  
Mr Danell de Kote you a letter I put  
it in the office the same time I  
put a letter to you that de Kote

We have Received your 2 coats  
we are all well & hope these few  
lines will finde your health improv<sup>ing</sup>  
There is no particular News hear  
we are all glad to hear the good  
News when the Bels get whiped  
we are looking for Grant to have  
Good luck soon I shall be glad  
when this cruel war is over & the  
soldiers Return home again If your  
health Dont improve you had  
better get a furter until your health  
Gets better & then you can Join your  
Regiment, the Copper heds are trying  
to make a great stir but the more  
they stir the wars they stinks  
no more at this time

Robert Estabrook

To Elisha Estabrook

Nicks Bury Miss

1864  
Good Da Laod Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dear brother

We received your letter last night it found us all well as usual and I hope these few lines will find you gaining in health we were very glad to hear from you once more for we had not heard from you in almost three weeks till last evening Charles and Fann's folks are all well as usual, Mrs. Walker up in Friendship has been very sick, but is better now. Mrs. Bunnell's folks were all up here yesterday a visiting, Charles Van Orlando Bunnell and Pa. all went a bee hunting yesterday. We have not heard from Uncle Charles since the battle at Atlanta we don't know where he is, I expect

Justina over to Sunday school  
to-morrow. Wish you must  
excuse this. Last letter for to-day  
is Saturday and I have to do the  
work for Ma is spinning & will  
close by saying

Yaretherwell, dear brother  
write

Ellen G. Estabrook,  
Oliver G. Estabrook.

Mrs. Elisha H. Estabrooks.

To

Mr. Robt. Estabrooks, Esq

Please Direct your letter

to Camp Washburn Company B

35 Regiment Wisconsin

Volunteers.

Write soon

Excuse Poor Writing and Spelling

Good By for this time

Camp Washburn  
March 2nd /64

Dear father I received your kind  
letter to day. it found me well and all  
the rest of the boys, ~~Peace~~ my self *I enjoy*  
first best, we have good times here  
we havent got all in one company  
yet, we shall get our money to  
morrow if nothing happens, and  
then we will get A furlow.

Wm. Titus is well, titus and I bunk  
together. seth is all right,  
we have meetings here every  
night. the 14th regiment has  
been here, but they have gone.

please write soon

dont worry A bout  
me for I will take care of my  
self, so good By for this time

Elisha Henry, Estabrooks  
To, Robt. Estabrooks, Esq



Camp Washburn  
March 2nd

Much respected friend it is with  
pleasure that I write you A few  
lines to let you noe that I am  
all right. I cant think of much  
to write, only there was a boy that  
got poisoned in company, A. 35 reg  
give my best respects to mother  
Ellen and Howard Kiss Tint for me  
so good By tell Charley  
that I am all right. tell Dwight  
and howard that I am much  
Obliged, for those verses they sent  
to me, tell georce that I will fetch  
him some candy when I come  
home good By for this time

Elisha H Estabrooks

To Bliss wheaton

Direct your letter to  
Camp Washburn 35th reg. Company  
B. Milwaukee

Write soon

Elisha H Estabrooks

Sunday  
Milwaukee, March 13, 1864.

Dear father Mother Sisters  
and Brother. I sit  
down to let you noe  
how I get Along. when we got to  
Minesota Junction we had to stay  
there About 4 hours then we  
took the cars and arrived at  
Milwaukee About 6 Oclock, all safe.  
we did not get to the camp quite  
as soon as we expected. all goes  
off right. Titus is on picket  
duty to day. one of our boys  
lost 7 Dollars last night  
I dont noe whether it was  
stolen or not. the boys are all  
quite well at present. we think  
some of comming home on A  
furlow before we leave here.  
Seth hasent transfered his pay  
yet I am A going to have him  
if I can get an opertunity.  
you and Charley had better  
come down here and make us  
A visit if you can. it would  
do you good to see the performance.  
give my best respects to all  
I cant think of much to write  
this time  
so good By for this time

Camp Washburn

Apr. 5th /64

Dear father Mother sisters  
and brother. safe in camp  
Washburn A gain. we had  
good times A coming back  
here. we did not find that  
fellow that we was after.  
untill we got to Camp he  
had got back and had been  
in the ~~zeat~~ house for one day <sup>gard</sup>  
and two nights. he returned  
to camp the next day after  
we got to fond du Lac, he had  
found out that we was after  
him, and he kept A look out.  
it rained here quite hard  
yesterday it is some muddy,  
not near as bad as it is  
in fond du Lac.  
Father I received that letter  
that you wrote just before  
I was at home.  
There is A plenty of card  
playing here, but Father I have  
quit playing entirley I hant  
A going to play A nother game  
of cards while I am in the  
army. it is apt to lead  
A person in to trouble. I drink  
beer and use tobaco that  
is the worst habits I have

got there is no news here  
at present, and I cant write  
A very long letter.

please write soon tell all the  
news there is on the openings  
if you see Charley Ingram  
tell him that I am all right

has Uncle Charles got  
A substitute or has he  
made up his mind to go himself  
that is all at present

kiss Tint for me

I dont noe whether

I shall get A chance to  
come home or not.

if I dont I should like  
to have you come down  
here and see me I dont  
think we will leave here  
under three or four weeks  
please write soon

and direct your letter

To  
Milwaukee Camp  
Washburn 35 Regt Co B  
Wis. Volunteers.

that letter you wrote  
me before went to  
camp randol, and then  
it was sent back to me

give my best respects

to all

Elisha H. Estabrooks

Dear Father Mother sisters

To

Mr. Robt. Estabrooks, Esq.

I expect to day is

**Election**

Good By for this

time

and get back and had been

in the ~~great~~ house for one day <sup>3rd</sup>

and two nights. he returned

to camp the next day after

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found out that we was after

him, and he kept A look out.

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yesterday it is some muddy,

not near as bad as it is

in fact in Lac.

When I received that letter

that you wrote just before

I was at camp.

There is a plenty of card

playing here, but Father I have

quit playing entirley. I want

A going to play A nother game

of cards while I am in the

way. it is apt to lead

a reason in to trouble. I drink

beer and use tobacco that

is the worst habits I have

Camp Washburn  
April 13, 1864

Father we have orders  
to march next monday  
I did not noe for  
shure untill now.

father I should like to  
have you come down  
here if *you can.*

I think now that  
we will go without  
fail. I was out on  
petrole last night  
and I havent got up  
yet

I am in bed. So

Tumby<sup>pl</sup> came over

here to get me to  
pack A letter and I  
thought I would send  
this with his.

Father that is all  
at present so good

By

I have no doubts  
but what we will  
leave here monday next  
so Tumby wants you  
to pack his *ax* slings  
straps and ropes and send  
them down to Milwaukee



Camp Washburn  
April 13/64

Dear father yours  
came to hand to day. it found  
me well and tough. father  
it is hard thing when we  
will leave here. they are  
talking A bout going next  
week but I dont think  
they will. Father there  
is no news here at present  
dinner is ready and there  
is one of our boys A going  
to fond du Lac, and I can  
send this letter by him  
I just had my likeness  
taken for you with my  
gun and Ecruterments.

that is all at present

So good by

if I can find out  
for shure when [we?] (out)  
shall leave this [place?] I  
will write if we cant  
go soon I may get A  
pass to come home

my respects to all

yours truly

Mrs. Robt. Estabrooks

From

E. H. Estabrooks.



I was over to see  
Oliver monday he  
was all right  
please write soon  
Titus is well  
not much sickness  
here now

Union now and for ever

Camp Washburn April 16<sup>/64</sup>

Dear father it is with the greatest of pleasure that I write you A few lines to let you noe that I am as well as usual. hoping these few lines will find you the same and all the rest of the folks, Father I sent my things to John Carpenter in Fond du Lac. There were fifteen or twenty of us sent to him you will have to pay the expenses of sending my things through. Titus has got one blanket rolled up in side of mine. I sent three blankets one shirt and two Company reckords. I wished you would give Charley one of those Company reckords and tell him to get a frame for it and I will send him the officers pictures as soon as I get them. Their names are under the potographs that are on the reckord. I think they are quite nice. father give my best respects to all. I expect we will see hard times before we get home A gain, if I live to get home. I enjoy my self first best I dont

expect any thing else but  
hard times when we get  
down South. I will be  
glad when we leave this  
miserable hole.

when we get settled  
A gain I will write  
and let you noe how  
I am A getting A long.  
that is albut present  
So good By for

this time

yours truly, Robt.

Estabrooks

From E. H. Estabrooks  
Tell Tint if I ever come  
home A gain that I will  
fetch her A present.  
Tell Howard that he must  
be a good boy, and tell  
Ellen to not flürt with  
the young boys to much.

Respects to all

tell mother to

Remember me

we are A going  
the 18th of April  
I guess we will go on  
red river that is the  
talk now

Write soon if we

go before the letter gets  
here it will follow us  
up.

tell Mr. Vanallin  
that I am a steady  
as an old *deacon*.

Camp Washburn April 17<sup>/64</sup>

Father I am well. this  
morning Andrew Wilson wanted  
to sell me his blanket and  
I thought that I would  
buy it. we had our box  
all packed and naled up  
and on A wagon, and I  
thought that I would send  
it by express. and I done  
so. you will get it at  
the express office.

we are A going, tomorrow morning  
morning if nothing happens  
we are all ready to start

So good By for this  
time Robt Estabrooks from

E. H Estabrooks

Cairo Illinois April 27<sup>th</sup> /64

Dear father mother

Sisters and brother.

we are still moving down the  
Mississippi. but I am well and  
enjoy my self well. I have seen  
A quite A large part of the world  
that I never saw before. I havent  
seen any part of the country that  
suits me as well as Fond du Lac.  
there is all together to much sand this  
way to suit me. Father we have  
very good times. There hant many  
of the boy sick yet, but I am  
A fraid that it wont be A great  
while before there will be some  
sick. I have been very tough  
so far but I cant tell how  
long it will be before I am  
sick. it is hard telling untill  
we are taken. A person may  
be wel one day and be very  
sick the next day. it will be  
some time before we get to  
Alexandria. we dont noe when  
we will get anymale. untill we  
get settled then we will get  
male more regular. there hant  
any news to write this time  
only that I am A sitting on  
A lot of bags of oats and

writing. The water is very <sup>(riley)</sup> ~~(blurred word)~~  
here in the ~~(newark)~~ Mississippi

~~(That isn't the water that)~~  
we have to drink. That is all

for this time good By

Bill is well and wants you

to give his best respects to

his friends. please Write often

yours truly from E. H. Estabrooks

to Mrs. Robert Estabrooks

Port Hudson Louisiana  
May 8th 1864

Dear Father I am quite  
well at present and thought that  
I would write A few lines home and  
let you noe where I was and how  
I was A getting A long. we are on land  
once more. we all got so sick A staying  
on the boat that we did not noe  
hardly what to do. we were on the  
boat most two weeks. we did not  
hardly step off. we started from  
St. Lewis and went down to  
New orleans. we (Lade) there two nights  
and one day then we started back  
to port Hudson. it took us two nights  
and one day to get back. then there  
was six out of each company detailed  
to help unload the boats, and I  
was one of them. we worked till  
noon without our breakfast.  
then we were released, then we  
had to march to camp that was  
only one mile. That was far  
enough to go before we got our  
breakfast or dinner. after we got  
our dinner we went down to A spring  
and took A good bathing. I think that  
done us some good. A great many  
of the boys have got lots of



gray backs, or body lice just as  
you're A mind to have it.

But I havent had any yet and  
I hope I wont have any.

The princible thing here is niggers  
and mules. I am A getting so  
tired of seeing the black devils  
that I dont noe what to do  
but we will get used to it  
after A while. the water we have  
here is just the collor of the  
water that is in the roads  
ditches there after A heavy rain storm  
wall I dont noe but that is  
good enough for A soldier.

the ~~went~~<sup>worst</sup> is the hot weather  
that troubles me the most but  
we will get used to that either one  
way or another. we have got tents  
now. it is the first time that we  
have had any. they are just large  
enough for two to sleep in. it is  
very hot in them when the sun  
shines, we are encamped on the old  
battle field. here to port Hudson  
the ground is covered with all  
kinds of shot and balls also  
shells some of the shells are bursted  
and some of them are sound.  
I am rather shy how I handle  
them. there was A couple of

negroes got killed here the  
other day by A shell bursting.  
The report is here that they have  
had A fight down red river  
and our folks got whipped  
out. I dont noe how true it  
is. I dont pretend to believe  
half what I hear unless some of  
the officers tells me.

Father I am A getting tired  
of writing and I must stop  
My Birth day was yesterday  
I was 20 yrs old  
I wonder if I will see  
my next Birth day

the flies plague me  
so that I cant half write  
so good by for this time  
give my best respects  
to all  
my own folks especially  
so good by for this time

From E. H. Estabrooks  
To Robt Estabrooks  
please Write soon tell all  
the news I havent received  
any letter yet.

Direct your letter to  
E. H. Estabrooks  
Port Hudson  
Louisiana

Good By Write soon

we havent  
got paid      Port Hudson  
off      Louisiana May 13 1864  
yet

Dear Father. it is with the  
greatest of pleasure that I scratch  
A few lines to you to let you  
noe where we are. we are still here  
To Port Hudson. Father I am A  
little unwell at present. I have  
the direah quite bad it runs  
A person down very quickly.  
we expect an attact on this  
place every day. We can try  
bringing prisoners every little  
while. it is quite warm here  
now. it is impossible for  
the rebbles to take Port Hudson.  
Father Titus sends his best  
respects to you.

I feel some better than I did  
last night. I just had A very  
good supper we had some warm  
biscuit cheese and tea  
I think that made A very good  
supper

Father we havent received  
any letters from fond du Lac  
yet but we expect some every  
Day. There is no news here  
at present so good By

Please Write soon

Direct your Letter to

Port Hudson Louisiana

Tell all the news

and how you get

Along with the house

give my best respects  
to all of the folks.

Charley and Mr Vanallen

Especially E. H. Estabrooks

To  
Robt. Estabrooks

Bebbledom June 8, /64

Dear father Mother sisters and  
Brother. I am well at present.  
I received two letters from  
you yesturday. one was written May-  
22nd and the other was written April  
27th I was very glad to hear from  
home and to hear that you all  
was well, and to hear that you had  
got some one to help you do  
your work. I think if I live to  
get home I will have quite A  
flock of sheep if they keep on in-  
-creasing, and I think that Nelley  
colt will be large enough to  
brake. I am glad that you have  
got A long with the house as  
well as you have. father I  
enjoy my self very well, but it  
is very hot here. I had A letter  
all written sealed up and A stamp  
on it, and the male came  
just in time to save me from  
sending it. father you said  
that you got those blankets. you  
did not say how many you got  
I sent three in that box and sent  
one rolled up, and sowed together  
Sent it By express please tell me  
whether you got them all or not  
and whether you got Tituses.

Titus is on picket guard to day  
he stands it very well, but the  
piles trouble him some.  
there is A bout 12 Thousand  
soldiers here to Port hudson the  
most of them are negroes  
there is some ~~infantry~~ <sup>cavalry</sup> artillery  
and infantry. it is fun to  
see the artillery drill and shoot  
blank Catridges it makes the horses  
jump once in A while. I havent  
Received any letter from uncle  
Charles yet but I may get  
one the next time the mail  
comes in. I am A getting so  
tired that I will have to close.

Father the time passes A way very  
quick here. Good By for this time  
Write soon. Directions,

E. H. Estabrooks, Port Hudson La. Co. B.  
35 Regt SWis. Vol.

tell all the news write as soon as  
you get this.

to the  
Respects to all. family

## Morganza Bend

June 28, 1864.

not forgotten ones at home. I take this opportunity to pen A few lines to let you noe that we are quite well at present. hoping these few lines will find all of the family the same. I mean by saying we. That Titus and my self, we keep to gether the most of the time and bunk to gether. I will say to you that we have left Port Hudson. June 26, 1864. had orders to pack every think get read to martch. the orders came at Eleven Oclock saturday night. to martch on the next day at Eleven Oclock. it made us hurry to get ready in such short notice. I did not martch with my Company on Account of sickness. so I had my knap sack carried on the wagon, but I buckled on my Ecrutraments and took my gun, and after they got loaded up, I got ~~2nd~~

on top of the load and road down to the landing where we went A board of A boat that was named Iberville. it was quite A nice boat. but it was small and come to get A regt of men on it, and there hant much of A chance to lay down and rest. we only rode 23 miles as they called it, and then she landed. She landed Just dark, but we had to stay on the boat all night. The best of it all was we had A chance to get Ice, lemmonade Strong Beer Brandy, the beer lemmonade and Brandy was only 25cts A glass and very small glasses at that. The brandy was very good you would get one swallow for A quarter. that is the way every thing goes here. if the boys could get A little liquor once in A while there would not be so many

sick. They drink A great deal of water, and it is so hot

~~and~~

that we dont breathe some times, we are in A

beautiful place now rite on the banks of the Miss River

where we can see all of the boats when they pass.

we can go A fishing Almost ay time. there was one

of our boys caught A large Catfish last Evening.

I tell you It was butiful eating. Abe Hyde cooked

it and gave me A piece of it for my breakfast.

Father there is as near as I can tell 30 Thousand troops

here the banks of the river is strung for some miles.

we dont noe how long we shall stay here nor cant

tell till we get started A way. the boys seem

to enjoy them selves very well here. I havent

for one been home sick since we left Milwauke.

But I have had A good Chance to be home

sick, for I have been sick with other Diseases

the La Quick step is the most that troubles

me. that and hot weather. I cant think of

much to write this time. please tell who is

A working Tituses Place. and how they are A

getting A long with it. Father I have received several

Reporters [~~illegible~~] from you but I havent Received any

letters for A bout one month. The last letter

that I received from home was written May 22nd.

I would like to get some mail before A great

while. I would feel better then. I want you

to tell every thing that is A going on A round

there and write once A week if you can and

then I will hear from home A little oftener.

when you send A paper just drop A few lines,



and send it on the Inside of them, So good By

Ellen do you have A good school this summer.  
what is Lydia. B. A doing this summer and all of the  
rest of the girls Around there I cant think of any  
more to write this time So good By, give my respects  
to Lydia and all of the girls Around there. Tell them that  
I cant get time to write to all. They must write to me.

Morganza Bend  
Thursday, July 7, 1864.

Dear ones at

home. I received A letter from you  
yesturday and A paper with it.

I was very much pleased to hear  
from you for I havent heard from  
home before in A bout two months.  
your letter found me still trying to  
live. and in good spirits. I enjoy my  
self very well but not as well as I  
would if I was not sick. I am not  
very sick but just sick enough  
to not feel like my self. I have  
had the Louisiana quick step ever  
since we landed to port Hudson.  
I dont think you would hardly  
noe me now for I am very poor  
and my hair is cut so short that  
it cant be pulled. I think that  
I will come out all rite after A

while

if I am careful and take care of my  
self the old soldiers say that where  
a person is taken down in the way  
that I was that it took nearly all of  
the first year for them to get  
climated and get tough. I think if  
I live through this spell of sickness  
that there wont any thing kill me unless  
it is either lead or Iron. That **I** am

not A fraid of. I am glad that you  
are A getting A long so well with the  
house. I may not live to enjoy the  
comforts of it, but I am glad to hear  
that the rest of you enjoy your selves.  
I am sory to hear that mother is  
unwell. I should liked to been there  
and went A fishing with the rest  
of the boys. I warrent you they had  
fun. Tell Charley that Mr. Walke~~v~~ has  
made me two calls. I was very glad  
to see him he is as tough as A bear.  
his Regt is within two miles of us  
they expect to move in A few days.  
that Regt is in the same Army Corps  
that we are in. that is the 19th.  
it it hant likely that we shall stay  
here A great while, we dont generaly  
noe only A day or two before hand  
whether we are A going to martch or not.  
Father they got up A lot of things to  
send home. The F. D. Lac Boys, and I sent  
my dress coat home. it was not worth  
much but I did not want to throw  
it A way I would of sent ~~my~~ over  
coat but I could not get it in to  
the barrel. I may have A chance to  
send it yet if I do I will write  
A bout it. Titus sent his over coat  
dress coat and A pair of pants. he  
sent them in care of you. you will

find these things to Valentines c/o ~~Olmsted~~ ~~Store~~ you noe where that is  
Olmsted~~Store~~ you noe where that is  
the express Charges are paid you  
may have to pay them some thing for  
their trouble, you can do what you  
are A mind to with that ~~(coat)~~ it hant  
likely that I shall ever ware it if I  
come home. Tituses health is as usual.

I wished you would send me A few  
Postage stamps in the next letter you  
write, or send them inside of A paper.  
The papers come oftener than the letters.  
There is A great many sick in this regt.  
Ellen I wished you would send me  
some Love letter paper for I am  
entirly out. I have got large sheet  
paper but that wont do to write to the  
girls with. I am very much Obliged  
for that paper and ~~envelopes~~ you sent  
me. I thought that I would use it  
to write home seeing it came from there.  
I am A getting most to tired to write  
much more so I will have to close. so good

By

Love to mother Ellen Howard,

Just, and Sil

So good By for this time

Vicks Burg Miss. July 19, 1864

loved ones at home. I am still A live yet,  
and have hopes of getting well. we have left  
Morganza. started up the river I comenced growing *worse and  
felt so bad that they left me at*  
the hospital in Vicksburg. I think that I will stay  
here till I either get well or worse. the Regt has  
gone up the river some where. I dont noe where.  
I dont feel like writing much for I am so weak.  
I dont noe how long it will be before we will  
get ~~paid~~ paid off. it may not be in six months.  
I am out of money I have been sick so long  
and if you will send me A little it will do  
me A great deal of good. I hate to send home  
after money but I cant help it very well.

you nead not worry A bout me

that is all at present good By for this time.

give my love to all tell all that is  
A going on how crops are if you get A long with  
your work well.

Write soon

E. H. Estabrooks

To Robt Estabrooks.

Direct your letters to

E. H. Estabrooks Vicksburg

Miss.

No 2. Hospital

Vicksburg Miss. Aug 15th/64

Dear ones at home. it is with the greatest of pleasure that I sit down to let you noe that I have received four letters from home. I received two Saturday, Aug 13th one of them was dated June 2nd and the other was dated June 29th. they both went to port hudson before I got them. I was very sorry to hear that Nelly was dead and that sorrel colt two. it makes quite A loss. The colt never would have A mounted to much I dont think Father I have just received those two letters one had the Postage stamps and the other the five Dollars. I am very much obliged for the money and stamps, for it will be some time before we get paid off, and I shall nead them quite bad. Father I havent heard from Titus since I was left here. There is one of my company here with me. he got A letter from the regt but it did not say any thing About Titus. his letter stated that Hurbert Arnold was dead and several others. Father you spoke About my getting A furlow I dont think that I can for they dont furlow many unless they are so sick that they never can get well down here. there has been quite A number that has got furlows and some of them have dide before they ever left the Hospital, and some would die on the road home. I think that I am some better in health now than I was when I was left here. The Direah runs me quite hard. it keeps me down so weak all of the time, so that I cant but just get Around and help my self. it is rather sad news to hear that Dalton is Dead and Henry A. Chose is wounded. you wanted to noe whether I had Received the Saturday Reporter or not I have received several of them, but havent had any lately. Father I dont think there would be any use in your coming down here After me. for I dont think theywould let me go, and it will cost quite A little sum of money to come down here and go

back A gain. if I get worse and get dangerous I will  
let you noe in time to come down if posible. I shall  
write as often as once A week then you will noe how I will

be A getting A long. all for this time

Vicksburg Miss Aug 15th 1864

Dear sister

I received that letter that had so many parts to it. I was very glad to see the friends that I had left behind willing to write A few lines to me to encourage me A long. I dont feel like answering them to day, but as soon as I get A little stronger, I will try and write A few words in reply to those that the girls wrote. give my respects to Briggses girls, and Miss Chase in particular.

I cant think of any more to write this time. Tell Charley Ingram that I havent received any letter from him since I was there to port hudson and that one I answered the next day after I got it. give my best respects to Charley also Mr. Vanallen that is is all for this time. so good By for this time. hoping if we dont meet again here on earth that we shall meet in that better land where there will be no more parting. put you trust in god and you will always have some one to gide you. Write soon. Tell all the news.

yours truly From Elisha H. Estabrooks To Ellen T. Estabrooks



Dear Mother

how often I think of you, and the many good favors that  
you have done me. Mother seeing I was A writing to all of the rest  
I thought I would write A few lines to you to let you noe  
that you was not forgotten by me. Mother I live in hopes of  
getting home A live but if we dont meet here on earth A gain  
it is my desire that that we may live so when death comes we can  
be ready to meet ourblessed Saviour. I cant think of any more  
to write this time. so good by. Mother you Prair that I may prove  
faithful.  
good By for this time Write soon. Son To A Mother.

have you recieved those coats yet. I sent two with abe hyde  
one in A barrel to Valentines and Aumsteads, and the other

Dear Aunt Lib

as Ellen has said that you was to our house I thought that I  
would fen A few lines to you. my health is some better than it has  
been, and I am in hopes of getting well before A great while. I havent  
been well for over three months I have had the Diareah all the time and  
some fever with it. that keeps A person very weak. all for this time  
good By,  
from A not forgotten friend E. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. E. Wheaton

Please Write

Direct to E. H. Estabrooks  
Co. B. 35. Regt. 1st Brigade  
3rd division. 18th Army Corps.  
Wis. Vol. Vicksburg Miss.  
be shure and put this all on.

Robt Estabrooks From E H E

Wr ite soon

Vicks Burg, Miss Aug 21st<sup>/64</sup>

Dear ones at home. it is with the  
greatest of pleasure that I try to pen  
A few lines to you to let you noe that  
I am A gaining in health but very  
slow. I think if I dont have any pull  
back that I will get my strengt and be  
tuff Again between now and cold  
weather. Father you want me to get  
A furlow if I could. I dont think  
there is any chance for me to get one  
unless I should be taken down worse.  
Unless A person is acquainted and  
has A great many friends he cant  
get any thing done in his favor.  
Father you wanted wanted to noe if  
I wanted A box of any thing sent  
to me I think that A box of things would  
come very exeptable just now. I will  
name over A few things that  
I would like if you can get them  
you can send me some butter  
Cheese. some kind of preserves if you  
have any, of jelleys of some kind.  
if you would sent me A small  
Bottle of good spirits to use as medisen  
it would do me some good I think.  
it is hard to get here and when you  
do get it it hant fit to use.  
I havent drank A pint of liquor

since I left home. Father you can  
send what things you can or see  
fit to send if I get worse I will  
write or get some one to write for me I  
don't want you to worry one bit A  
bout me. for I have good courage that  
is the main point when A soldier gets  
sick is to keep up good courage. there  
is lots of soldiers as soon as they get sick  
they give rite up and don't live but A  
short time. but thank god that I have A  
good courage

time seems very short to me  
but I think it would pass off faster  
if I was well and was at my regt.. I havent  
heard from Titus since I came here to the  
hospital. if you noe where he is I wished  
you would let me noe. let my noe  
whether crops is good or not. how much wheat  
wheat you think you will have. Father  
I guess you will have to put the Butter  
and such stuff in tin cans in order to  
send them safe. that is all for this time.  
If you send A Box write so that I will  
noe, so good By for this time. Write Soon.

Yours Truly Elisha H. Estabrooks

To Mr. Robt Estabrooks.

Express your box and direct your

Letters to E. H. Estabrooks.

Vicksburg Miss. Jeneral Hospital No. 2.

Tint you wanted me to write to you every

time that I write you must be A good  
girl and help Mother all you can. that all  
for this time Howard you must be A good

boy too. Tint Estabrooks. E. H. E.

Dear Sister

I am getting most to tired to  
write any more this time so you  
will have to excuse me for not  
writing more. give my respects to all.

if you send the Box send it as  
soon as you can so it will get here  
while I am here. I may stay here  
A good while yet and may go to  
my regt in two or three weeks.

Love to Charley And Vanallen also  
to the rest of the neighbours. good By

Please write soon tell all the news

From A brother as long as life  
remains E. H. E. To, E. T. E. Write soon  
dont Wory A bout me.

Love to mother and aunt Lib

I will write with out fail if  
I get very sick and let you noe  
good By Father Mother Sisters and Brother  
for this time.

Write

Wisconsin  
Fond du Lac Sept 1st/64

Elisha I have just received yours of August 21st to let you know that we are all well Except my self I have the Dired quite bad but think that I will get better in a few days we are a going to send you a Box of articles to morrow the 2nd day of Sept we will put in the Box what articles we send and who sends them you will haf to look out or the Docters wont let you use the articles we send you we will send you some first Rate Brandy and you musent use but little at a time until you know what effect it will have we will send you a No of articles. I cant tell all now but will tel you in a letter that I will put in the Box I will send you a little Money in the letter Howard has written you a long letter and I inclose it in mind to you and tint has Rote to you they are crazy all moste when they get a letter from you we dont no where Titus is they dont get any letters from him lately

we will write to you again to morrow and put it in the box the Neighbours are all well

Robert Estabrooks  
To Elisha H. Estabrooks

Wisconsin

Sept 2 /64

Elisha I will give you  
a list of the articles we send  
you

1 Bottle of Pickles Liza Walker  
1 " of Current Wine H W Hector  
1 can of Butter Van and C. B Ingram  
1 Bottle French Brandy from home  
Crackkers and Chees~~m~~  
tea from home - - -

I send you two Dollars  
in money from home  
a little white Shougar  
that is all we cans end  
you at this time and hope  
before this is used up you  
will be able to join your  
Regiment take Good care of  
you self Dont Over lodd your

Stomach

when you get the box  
answer soon look out  
or some one will steel  
these thing from you Dont  
trust no one unless you  
know them I cant say  
any more at present

Robt Estabrooks

To Elisha H Estabrooks

P S take good care of  
your self and keep up good courage

Doht get down harted and then  
you will get well the sooner  
you asked me how our crops  
was this year Wheat and Hay are  
verry lite I think a bout 1,3rd of a  
crop Oats and corn are verry good  
Potatoes are lite - -

We have five horse kinde  
with the colt that is solde for 25 dollars  
your Read heiffer will come in next year no more  
the chees Mrs. Ingram sent  
the little bottle of currentts  
from Mrs. Newton prehaps  
you had better talk with  
the Surgeon and he will tel  
you what will be best for you  
you

4 Pounds of crackers  
the courant wine is 3 or 4 years  
olde - the french Brandy  
is made of Grapes you  
can take one table spoonful  
at a time

Dr Wright said that would  
ent hurt you but would  
do you good

Fond Du Lac Sept 2nd 1864

I am a going now to Express in  
this to you the Brandy  
cost 1.75cts

we are all well at this

time and hope these few lines  
will finde you improving  
I am in a hurry and cant  
write any more

Yours in haste

Robt Estabrooks

To Elisha H. Estabrooks

I send you ten  
postage stamps

Sept 2nd

Lish I will send you a  
handkertechief that is all I have  
got ready to send.

to-day is the last day of  
School I must go for it is  
past nine

Ellen To Lish.



Fond Du Lac Sept 15th 1864

Elisha we have just received your letter dated August 29 and the other one was dated the 15th Day of August this last letter has been written 3 weeks there must be a nother letter on the Road Elisha

I sent you a Box of things and in the box there was two letters one from Henry Chase and the other we Rote I put in 10 stamps and said I would put in two Dollars but Elisha I for got to put it in when you receive the box and letters I will send you two or 3 dollars I Paid the Express charges and hope you have received it before now Mr Vanallen Rote you a letter I put it in the office the same time I put a letter to you that we Rote we have received your 2 coats we are all well and hope these few lines will finde your health improving there is no particular news hear we are all glad to hear the good news when the Rebs got whiped we are looking for Grant to have good luck soon I shall be glad when this cruel war is over and the soldiers return home again If your health dont improve you had

better get a furlo until your health  
gets better and then you can join your  
Regament, the Copper heds are trying  
to make a great stir but the more  
they stir the mors they stink

no more at this time

Robert Estabrooks

to Elisha Estabrooks

Vicka Burg Miss  
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