

Miss

Camp Montgomery Bear Carinth

Dear Brother I received your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> also one from Whitneys folks about 30 minutes ago I will answer yours for I have not time two answer both now you done wright in taking some of my things away I want you to clear the house of the strumpet have you got my box and the jewelry that I had lock up when I went away and various black alapaca Drefs you I want you to take everything that belongs to me or the children the chickens you can take over some perhaps they will do for a Christmas dinner Kate should not have a thing if I could help it I don't believe that she was the devil himself untill now you I would like to have her put through if there is any sutch things I suppose you have got the letter by this time that I sent to you with five dollars in it for the children except some for stamps to

I will now write a little about my self my health is not very good it wont begin to be as good as when I enlisted I have to stand guard 24 hours once in about five days than we have company drill once a day Battalion drill once a day the boys call it station drill and regiment dress parade about 1/2 o'clock P.M. this drill business you would like in the hot sun the sweat running down your face back and legs it is charming then there is fatigue duty to do most every day so we have a delicious time of it there is one regiment now on fatigue down at Corinth building a fort the 61<sup>st</sup> & the next brigade to us there is 3 Brigades in sight of each other under the command of Gen Oglesby & Regs to a brigade this is the second season besides some batteries of Artillery and some Cavalry I dont know how many divisions there is round in this state but they are not half as large as they were six months ago dont have Brindle down a good deal since they have enlisted but what there is of them is good pluck the Cavalry is not of much account

send to me you also said that my house and lot was sold for taxes there is something not wright somewhere for I sent 40 dollars by a discharged soldier that lives near Elgin and honest a man as I know of he had over a hundred dollars when he left here to deposit when he got home I gave him Orders to express it to Snyder also one to E. B. Stiles the money was in one letter and I told him to take a receipt for the money and Snyder had order to send back a certificate of deposit to me and Stiles had orders to pay my taxes for my house and lot and the balance I wanted deposited in my name things must be slow in getting round or I should have heard from my money before now you can see if Stiles has received the money and let me know in your next letter and if you got everything all traite over the river dont let the bitch out wind you and steal part of my things away

There is a gang to be some of  
the banerly disbanded Nobles reg  
one of them now I want you to  
answer this as soon as you can after  
receiving this and answer to all  
of my questions Charley wants to know  
why you dont write to him he  
has wrote to you since he has been  
in the army I saw John Cowwin  
a short time ago his was about  
2 miles from here then saw young  
Rosebrock that use to drum in Dixon  
that stayed to James he is in the 10 Reg  
he writes to mining in to Boston store I dont  
seem to get sight of any of the Dixon  
Boys as yet I dont know what Division and  
Brigade Cheneys Company is in I dont  
think of anything more you tell  
whitneys folks that I got there letter  
and will answer soon yours

Charles H. Cortch

I I you tell Josephine + Elba that I will  
answer there letter soon and to be good  
children untill I come home