



Sedalia Mo April 19<sup>th</sup>

Friends at Sunny Side,

Well I received yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> in due time. you complained that you had not received any letter from me for a long time. but my word for it I have written to you every time that I wrote home. I have not now written a letter to any one for a month.

I am well. the health of the regiment is good. we are having very easy times nothing to do but guard prisoners.

It is reported now that we will get go south before long. I do not believe it although the Colonel says so. I was told this morning by good authority that it was the intention for us to go to Altam

Illinois for the purpose of  
 guarding prisoners. Oh what  
 glory! Oh the laurels we have  
 won! — By an act of Congress I  
 see that all Regiments been in action  
 are to have the name of the battle  
 round inscribed on their Banners  
 great think of it. There is "Pea-  
 Ridge": "No 10", "Wilson's Creek",  
 "Fort Donelson", "Pittsburg",  
 "Winchester": "Yorktown": and many  
 other memorable places to be re-  
 ished, long to be remembered:  
 but where is the 26<sup>th</sup>. what  
 noble deed has she performed,  
 what has she left her mark,  
 and by what shall she be rem-  
 embered. I know of nothing  
 more appropriate than a Paw Paw  
 bush and a few Paw Paws, in  
 memory of our disaster while  
 going the assistance of the

brav Ed Mulligan.

While here we sport with the women  
having as much privilege as at home,  
we go to church, walk to the Post  
Office, in fact we act and feel  
like citizens. The fighting spirit  
of the reg. is gone, and nothing but  
marching orders for Tennessee  
will ever arouse it again.

Cap Gump is here.

A Prophecy - The battle at Yorktown,  
and one mor battle which will  
probably take place near the Gulf,  
and the war is over, and my  
prophecy that I celebrate next  
4<sup>th</sup> July in Cin, will yet come  
true - We will be discharged with  
in two months -

Sedalia is ours -

Yours

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