

From Samuel Worthington to My Dear Father

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Headquarters District of Upper Arkansas
Fort Riley, Kan., October 12th 1864

My Dear Father

This Morning has been very busy as news of Prices forward movement has just come in. and we have been making out orders for Troops to come in from the West by forced marches. You may see me at any day as most likely the staff will soon leave for the field and I shall most probably accompany it. I don't see how we can withstand the onward progress of Gen[.] Price, as there are not in the Dept[.] of Missouri & Dept[.] of Kansas troops sufficient to whip him, unless reinforcements arrive from the East. For my part I think we are going to have hot times before the Rebs are driven from our Border.

I am not certain that I can obtain permission to go but am in hopes I can, if no other way I can get relieved and go

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to my company. All quiet is the news from the West. The Indians have made an armistice for a short time and they and our Commanding officers are on the verge of making a treaty by which the Indians will move further into the wilderness.

My Health is good[.] have not heard from Sister since I last wrote. Neither from mother[.]

In great haste as I must go to work again your
Loving Son
Saml[.] Worthington
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P.S. Havent time to open the letter again[,] dispatch just received. Rebs march on Kansas City[.] start this way on tomorrow morning -- goodbye -- If I don't return remember I fought for the right -- Rosencrantz says -- he is afraid he will not be able to check the Rebs -- farewell perhaps forever.