

From Abishai Stowell to "Dear Sister"

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Camp Drywood
12 miles from Ft[.] Scott
Sept[.] 20th /62

Dear Sister[.]

I recieved your letter dated July 13th 2 days ago at Fort Scott[.] it had been there for a long time[.] we got with our Reg[.] yesterday about noon[.] it is the first time that we have seen the Regt since the 22th of May[.] we have been to Ft[.] Union and back which is over 2,000 miles travel[.] our Co[.] got to come by home and stay there 3 days[.] [*text stricken through*] our folks are all well except George & Emma[.] they have the ague[.] Jane has a girl[.] it is about 2 weeks old[.] she has not named it yet[.]

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I received a letter from Nancy the same time that I got yours[.] it was dated August 17th[.] she says that they have had considerable rain there this summer[,] that the wheat was a great deal of it destroyed by bugs[,] that corn looks very well & if frost holds of[f] a while that they will have a good crop[.] she has a boy[.] it was born on the 3d of Aug[.] she talks of calling it Francis Abishai.

Crops in our part of Kansas are a failure with the exception of wheat[.] the fall wheat turned out about 24 bushels per acre[.] spring wheat yielded (0)[.] they raised from 60 to 100 bushels of corn per acre[.] in the north part of the state corn is from 6 to 10 cts per bushel around Atchison & Elwood (6 cts at the crib or 10 cts hauled to market)[.]

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there is no potatoes here this year[.]

I believe I will close by telling u the names of our officers[.]

Our Generals name is James G. Blunt (he lives about 40 rods from Browns in Mt[.] Gilead)[.] our Cols[.] name is Wm. F. Cloud[.] our Lt[.] Cols[.] name is Owen. A. Bassett[.] our Co[.] officers names are Capt[.] S.J. Crawford[,] 1st Lieutenant Jno [John] Jhonston[,] 2d Lieut[.] S.K. Cross[,] 1st Sergt[.] Henry Nugent[.] the rest of th[e] officers are not worth mentioning[.] they are all strangers to you[.] [*text stricken through*] our Majors Name is Fisk[.]

I believe there is nothing more of interest to write[.]

this from
Abishai Stowell

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[P.S.] you may write as soon as you have a mind to & direct to Abishai Stowell Co. A. 2d. Kans[.] Cavalry[,] Fort Scott or in the field[.]

[*written upside down at bottom of page*]

[P.S.] I forgot to say that times are peacable in this division[.] this with true love[.]