

Corydon Iowa Jan 17th /64

Dear Brother,

I avail myself of another opportunity to write you a few lines I am in the enjoyment of reasonable health (together with my family) hoping when this comes to hand you will be in enjoyment of the same blessing I have not written to you for several weeks past owing to the push of business on my hands I never knew what close confinement was before I am busily engaged 6 days out of 7 so you see you must make some allowance for my not writing to you oftener I think I will soon become better acquainted with my duties consequently have more spare time I will try to write oftener in future

Long ere this reaches you you will have conversed with Lieut Wright
he can give you the general news & John's visit was of but little profit
to him his mind was too much disconcerted & made against his health I would
like to know how he is by this time By the last account your health
was good which gave me great satisfaction. Now what do you say
about Sam is he well how did he stand the trip down the river &c
There is but few such boys as Sam He is composed of nine tenths "Man",
and the other tenth Gentleman "Gentleman", Give him my respects
& tell him I am looking for that letter Was Capt Vermilion returned
yet? Tell Capt I am truly sorry that I did not get to see him the
Man (Long John Wright) that told me that he had made his advent.
into the neighborhood (on a certain day) also told me he was going to stay
and make us speech at the school house that night I was killing
hogs when I heard the news so you see I was contented thinking
I would get to see him that night when I got through Butchering
I went down to Greens & lo! behold the Capt was gone. Give him
my respects & tell him that if I ever get within 1 mile of him I will
not serve him as he did me We have had a considerable amount of very
cold weather here this winter but rather mild for a few days past
I read an extract of a speech a day or two ago Delivered in Cincinnati on the
7th inst (By Gen Gant of Little Rock) that was all right I would
send it to you but it is not in my possession at this time Heurrah for the
Gen he is doing a good work. Pity but what he had commenced sooner

Give my respects to all
the boys & receive a portion
yourself please write
often & keep up it

Respectfully Yours

Yours May
Lieut May
Little Rock
Ark



Ad In 36th Iowa Vol Inf
Little Rock Ark Jan 25th 1864

Capt N. F. Vermillion

Dear Captain

Your very interesting favor of 10th inst. was recd last night, and all were glad to hear from you, and we think you have succeeded admirably. Considering the severe cold weather you have had to contend with, recruiting

I recd a letter from Lt Warden dated 3rd inst. he reports 19 recruits sworn in by him to that date, and 8 or 10 by the County recruiting agent of Wappello for our Regiment, making about 30 to that date from Wappello for our Regiment, and we now flatter ourselves that through your effort and the efforts of the recruiting party, we will soon have our

Regiment to a Minimum at least,
Our aggregate is now "657" Enlisted
Men. It takes "150" to make us a Minimum
Regiment, and we think from the patriot-
ism heretofore manifested by the people
of Appanoose, Monroe and Wappello Counties
they will certainly furnish us that num-
ber of recruits.

Our Regiment is now in fine Condition
and spirits, and is second to none in
the Army of Arkansas, and for Morality
faithfulness and Courage stands "par excellens"
with the Commanding General. I do
not believe a more Moral, Quiet and
determined set of Men were ever thrown
together in one body, than the Troops who
compose our Regiment, a fact which should
have great weight with recruits in making
their choice as to what Regiment they
enlist for, when understood.

You speak of the Cold weather in
Iowa. We have had some here too

but not so long protracted. The first week in July was severe for this climate the mercury frequently showing 10° below zero, and quite a number of Mules froze to death. The weather now is beautiful and Citizens are preparing to make gardens. The State Convention has been in session here at the Capital forming a new Constitution for the State of Arkansas. About Forty delegates were present representing a majority of the Counties in the state, and composed of the bone and sinew of the Union element of Arkansas. Not a delegate in the Convention who had ever been tainted with secession, but all were men who through the dark and stormy hours of this rebellion when Loyalty had to hide itself in the Mountain Cliffs, of this Country, stuck by the old flag of their Fathers. And although they were mostly old farmers looking rough and unpolished in man-

ness. Yet when they spoke, and revealed
the untold sufferings of them, and the loyal
people of Arkansas, for the cause of liberty,
their language was burning eloquence, and
was convincing evidence of the immutable
principles of human liberty and justice.

They have spoken with a free Constitution
for the state of Arkansas, and have nomi-
nated a state ticket headed by the old
Arkansas patriot, "Judge Isaac Manship" for
Governor. The only member of the Con-
vention of 1861 who had the honesty and
the nerve to vote No. when the ordinance
of secession was passed, which he did
amid cries of "Convention, to hang the
damned old traitor Abolitionist. He is
a rough looking old customer, and a man
of ordinary talent, but he is an honest
man and a Patriot.

We have a new paper established here
under the supervision of W. M. Fishback —
styled the "Unconditional Union" which con-
trasts somewhat with Meador's "National
Democrat" and is sound on the great
question of the day, it will be the
organ of the straight out Union men
here. Its first number was issued on Sat-
urday, I have none to send you, but send
one to my wife, who will show it you if you
call. It contains the new Constitution. It
might returned last night, his health somewhat improved
let me hear from you again —
truly
Mudrake

Centerville Iowa

Jan 31st / 1864

Dear Lieut.

I am just in from Davenport, where I have been with a squad of recruits for the 36th. The boys I sent up first were all there, looking as neat as new green backs, but grumbling like every thing because they had not been sent to the regiment. There are between sixty and seventy in the barracks or camp for our regiment, fifty or sixty of whom are from around here before this. The remainder with what we have here will have to lie over for awhile. Corp^l Mather will go up next week with a squad of six or eight from this County. The boys are out of money. We had no Descriptive rolls on last Muster day consequently we could not Muster. While we were at Davenport the first time

I wrote Col Kittredge for the rolls of
all the men, but he has not sent them.
Will you please see why he has not had
them sent. It matters nothing to me but
it does to the men who are here and
know me. If the Commanders of the
Companies from this County are of Company
the Monroe County will send to me the
rolls of their men, I will muster them
that is my "Party", and show their money.
The last of next month is Muster day
you know. See the Col. - no. see the
Company Commanders, and have them
forward them all to me, in one package.
The weather is very disagreeable this
P.M. Mud about half leg deep, and
snow falling rapidly. Tomorrow will be
a fine turn of a fellow. I knock around
I have heard nothing from you the
County for some time. Silas Sammons
is dead. He was furlowed from Memphis
and died at home. Corp'l Maiter was
at the burial. Please forward on his final
Statement.

I have no idea when we will be ordered to the regiment, probably not before the first of March, the time of enlisting having been extended till then. We are looking for the 6th Iowa Drift and 3rd Iowa Cav. home every day. The friends of both regiments say they have recruited. They will have to recruit in this County under me - or at any rate I will have their recruits to subsist and forward to Davenport. That is - or will be more work than I like. Give the boys all my respects. Tell them to touch lightly on the new recruits. Tell Sam. Smith his brother enlisted and went to Davenport with me, but he got sick and I let him come home. I would like to see you all very much. Would rather do duty there than here.

Write often

Respectfully
Vermillion

East Nelson Monroe County Iowa July 15th 1864

Capt W. F. Vermillion

Dear Sir

I hope your goodness will excuse the intrusion of an intire stranger, when you see the object of my addressing these lines to you.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith has employed me to procure the arrearages, back pay and bounty due to her deceased son, W. P. Smith who was private in your ^{date and fill the blanks and} Company. You will please sign the inclosed certificate and go before the clerk of the District Court and be qualified to the same and request him to certify the same under seal of his office. his fee for the same is fifty cents, which find inclosed. Return your certificate to me as soon as your convenience will admit.

Yours truly
J. D. Paroche

Private,

William P Smith Volunteered at Leonium, Appanoose County
State of Iowa the day of 1862, was ordered
into Quarters August 9th, and Mustered into the United
States Service October 4th 1862 by Lieut. Charles J
Ball U.S.A. at Keokuk Iowa.

William P Smith died at
on the 29th day of October 1863
with which disease which
disease was contracted while in the line of his
duty, in the ~~service of the~~ United States Service
given under my hand this day of February 1864

Capt. Co. F. 36th Regt.
Iowa Volunteer Infantry

State of Iowa }
Appanoose County } Ss.

On this day of AD 1864, William F
Virmillion Capt. Co. F. 36th Regt. Iowa Volunteer Infantry
Come personally before
Clerk of the District Court of the County and State
aforesaid, and made oath in due form of law
that the above statement is true.

Given under my hand and seal of the
District Court at Centerville Iowa, the day and
Year above written.

Chk.