

C-LINE #62047
LEGAL SIZE TOPPER

Columbus Ky

June 6th. 1864

Mrs Twitchell

Dear Wife:

We left Centerville yesterday morning at 9 o'clock AM and arrived at Cairo about 7 o'clock in the evening. Shipped on a boat and arrived here this morning at 8 o'clock. I have gone in to quarters at the Old Depot. I have no idea how long we will remain here. but it will not be long (from the fact) that there is more men ^{now} here than is required to station this place. Yet I do not. Though I cannot tell where we will go. The boys are in very good health. only 2 cases of sickness 1 of Muzels

I have no Idea when I will get an
opportunity to come home.
write soon as you get & let me hear
how you are getting along. I want
about 30. dollars in money. If you
can. Send it immediately. if not
you need not send it, for I do not
expect. I will remain here more
than a week. from this date.

I am in very good health.
write soon.

Your Affectionate Husband
Capt La Fayette Twitchell
Co. I. 136th Reg.
Ills Infy Vol.

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Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabeth town
Hardin Co Mo.

Head Quarters
Co "I" 136th Regt Inf
Columbus Ky June 23rd /64

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

I have been
anxiously awaiting for the past week, for a
letter from you. but up to the present
have been doomed to disappointment.

I have nothing of importance to write.

Our Reg. has moved back about 1 mile
to the rear of the town, and are encamped
on the hill. we have drawn for our men
those shelter tents & for the officers we get tents
which renders our situation rather inconve-
nient but it was the best we could do

So we are generally satisfied to put with
it. The men are generally in good health
I believe there is about 12 cases of sickness
in the reg. 3 cases from my Co.

We are all getting broke into drilling
pretty fast. & I flatter my self that my Co is
a little ahead of any in the Regiment.

I goes pretty hard with the boys to
brake in to Soldering. We had preac
hing in the Camps. to day My whole Co
was present. We have a good preacher
but I think as I do about all other
Chaplains that he is in poor business.
I wrote to you to send me some
money. if you could in a week from
the date of my letter. (I would say now) to
send it anyhow soon as you can. Send it
by Express. as there will be less risk.
I expect we will remain here for some
time 20 or 30. dollars will be sufficient
however. as I have about all the outfit that
I want. Send my Old Shoulder Straps.

I have nothing more of interest I will write
again soon. write soon. and often
I expect. we will remain here for some
time I do not expect to have an oppor
tunity to come home until the expiration
for the present good by
My respects to all

Excuse mistakes

A. Fayette Twitcher Capt
Co "G" 136th Reg Ill Infy

Head Quarters Co "D,"
136th Reg Ills Infy Vol
Columbus Ky June 15th 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife.

Your favor of June 11th reached me this morning I was glad to hear that you & the children were well.

I wrote to you day before yesterday. Consequently have not much of interest to write now.

Yesterday we rec^d orders for 3 Co's to go on a scout. I was one of the men designated to go, but just as we were ready to start the order was countermanded & we did not go. Then ^{we} were expecting to be ordered to Paducah, Ky. but the 136th Reg got in a head of us. So we were beat again.

Now our prospects are to remain here our time out. I told you in my last to send me 15. or 20. dollars. Send 10. at a time by mail. We have a good deal of duty to ^{do} hear, & a great many of the men are getting however I believe none from our town except

Bill Mesack & he is now about ready for duty. I don't hardly expect that we will be paid until the expiration of our term



Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabeth town
Hardin Co
Iv.

I heard yesterday, that Forest had
whipped Sturgis, at Humboldt Tenn. & that
he (Forest) was marching on this place &
Paducah. but I do not hardly credit the
report, as I think it come through Reb-
el sources. I have nothing more of interest
and will close. Remember me
to all, & in your letters mention the
health of the boys families that live in
town. Tell Baby & to be good boys
and obey their Mrs.

Your affectionate
husband

La Fayette Twitchell
Union Military



25th 1864

I did expect to finish & send this yesterday morning, but was ~~was~~ so busy all day that I had no time to set down, and last night, just as I was going to commence writing, there was an order came to send out a detach ment to support the Pickets. The Col. went out on the line and left me in charge of the Reg. until 11 o'clock at night when I was so sleepy I went to bed. Night before last

We sent out a scout of 31 men after some Rebs. that was reported 5 miles back from him, the party returned last night without having got in sight of any Rebs.

I intend "if possible" to go to Cairo on the 4 day of July. to be at the District Convention, as I feel some what interested in the annomination of a Congressman, & I will request some more money which I would like you would send next mail 10. or 15\$

Head Quarters
136th Reg Col Infy Vol
Columbus Ky June 23rd

Mrs. Angie Twitchell
Dear Wife.

Your favor of the 20th. inst. reached me this morning. it found me in better health than when I last wrote, I was truly glad to hear that ^{you} and the children were in good health, I have been very unwell for several days past but have been continually on duty. "in consequence of the sickness of both of my Lds & 3 of my Sergts," I have had to attend personally to ~~every~~ almost everything concerning the Co, and I do assure you it has been no light task.

as we have not yet got our Reg. prop. packages in the Box you can ^{pay} the
only regulated and having a good deal of fatigue & guard duty, together with
the necessary art. of drilling, gives The Officers all they can attend to
Especially when there is only one with a Co. We have frequent alarms
here in consequence of the anticipated approach of Forrest. Our pickets
fire from 1000 or less every night. Causing
us to get out in line of battle on
the double quick. There was a Gurilla
killed yesterday by the Pickets.

There is nothing however exciting
except those little scares & reports
^{which} I think are unfounded.

I have bought a dress coat & shirt
& pair of pants, which will cost
\$5.00. I have boxed up and will send
by express today my old clothes. Consisting
of 2 pairs of pants & my old coat. There is other

Charges. Open the box, and give
the packages to the proper ones
when called for send me the
Receipt for the charges & I can
collect the amt. at pay days. We
will Muster for pay the last day
of this month but I am not certain
that we will be payed immediately
upon muster. from present appearan-
ces. I think we will remain
at this place during our term
of service. This is a tolerably
pleasant place but the water is
bad and the weather is awful
warm, especially when we are
on drill which is about 6 hours
per day. I am reduced in weight
to 180 lbs. which is the effects of
the hot weather & my little sickness.
I must stop and go on Officers duty.

Head Quarters 136th Reg
Illinois Infy. Vol
Columbus Ky. June 26th 1864

Mrs. Ange. Twitchell

Dear Wife

I wrote you yesterday,
but as I have a little leisure time this evening
and expect to be very busy all the remainder
of this week. I thought I would pen you a line
We have ^{had} extremely hot weather for the past
3 or 4 days. I do not think I ever suffered more
from heat in my life, and our tents afford
us but a poor shade from the sun. However,
I think tomorrow I will have a brush-shed put
up around my tent which will add greatly to
the comfort. ~~The~~ we do not drill any except
early in the morning & after sundown our
duty "for a few days past" has not been very
heavy, our rations have been quite sufficient &
tolerably good. So you may imagine that we are
getting along pretty well. We have got a Co Head
Quarter-Musket. Composed of. The 2 Lts. Geo. Savatg.
'who is acting as Co Clk.' and a cook & myself
we live pretty well. we occasionally have green
beans peas new potatoes, milk & butter. This
however is not an every day occurrence. but about
once or twice a week. and occasionally we have
to fall back on Bacon Hard-tack & Dried Buns.

in a few days & probably have you as a friend or two.

We had Co. Inspection this morning, and the Col. gave us the praise of having the best ^{disciplined} Co. and the best policed Quarters in the Reg. which I take as quite a compliment. Considering the disadvantages which we had to labour under at first, by having so many boys and men from so many different places.

I am sorry that I cannot return ^{a like} compliment to the Col. for I must say that I fear that he is almost a blank cartridge yet he is my Col. & I would not speak thus about him, hear for it ^{would} subject me to an arrest. I do not believe I have ever given you the names of our field and staff.

Col. Jones, Lt. Col. Ingraham, Maj. Organ, Adjt. & L. M. Ferrols, & Surgeon Thompson. Chaplain Phillips, the Chaplain by the way is a very good Preacher he gave us a good sermon this evening the 5th time he has preached since we have been out, he is starting off much better than Swan did in the 131st.

I think he is a very good man.

We will have a busy ^{this} time next week as it is the last of the month: we will have to muster for pay, make monthly returns, also returns to the L. M. & Ordnance Departments, I must close as it is late & I must be up at daylight to go on drill my recruits to all and a kiss to the children. Write soon let me know about the boy.
Your affectionate husband S. Fayette Twitchell

of clothes and all other interesting news. I will

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Head Quarters Co D
136th Reg Ill Inf. Vol.
Columbus Ky. June 27th 1864

Mrs. Angie Twitchell.

Dear Wife

Your favor of the 25th inst
is at hand, & thought I wrote you day before
yester. I thought I would answer this before it gets
old. I have nothing of interest to write

Every thing is going on well as could be
expected though in the past few days we
have had quite a no. of new cases of sickness ^{which}
I think it is caused by a ~~change~~ excessively hot
weather, and a change of diet from Hardtack
& Bacon, to light Bread & fresh beef, though
there is nothing serious. Asby Cummings is the only one
of the Hardin Co. Boys that is sick.

I still think I will get to Cairo on the 4th of July
& may possibly come home one day but not to
stay longer. I have just come off Co drill
"this morning" & ~~my~~ of about 1 1/2 hours double quick-
-ing & my nerves are rather unsteady.

We have a grand time drilling The most of the
Company Co Commanders have ~~nearly~~ all been
in the service before. & they nearly ^{all} drill differently
and we have had Officer drill so little that we
have not yet got regulated. & when we get
out on battalion drill. We make some very
awkward mooves.

The officers have been talking of getting their
Photograph taken altogether in a group. it will
make quite a nice picture. & I think that ^{some home} I will send
I have made an arrangement for a doz Photograph
Some of which I will send in my next
letter. I can think of nothing more
of interest. My respects to all. &
a kiss to the children

Your affectionate husband
L. F. Twitchee

NB let me know in your
next if Johnson has paid the 100 dollars
yet. I'm 10¢ you sent me come all
right
L. F. T.

Cairo Ill.

July 4th 1861

Mrs Angie Bartchell

Dear Wife.

Your kind
favour of the 2^d. inst. reached me
yesterday evening I was truly glad
to hear that you & the children were
still enjoying good health.

"As I had anticipated I got a
pass for 2 days only. to come to
Cairo. I would however taken the
privilege of coming home, if
I could have been certain of
getting back to this place by tomor-
row evening but knowing the un-
certainly & fearing the consequence
in case of failure, I thought
it best not to venture. I met quite
a lot of friends & acquaintances here
from Shawneetown & Town Golconda &
Metropolis

Mrs Angie Bartchell

Shawneetown Ill.

Shawneetown Ill.

Aug 7

and "together with the Convention
the turning out of the fine old
"Military Commands" There is
a big time generally. Bro Clifton
is here. he come near meeting
with a serious accident by a
tree falling across his buggy striking
his horse knocking his horse
down and mashing his buggy all
to pieces. Thoug he is not
seriously injured.

I rec^d your letter containing the
15 dollars the day before I started
from Columbus. That and the 10\$
by Warren last night come in
very good jelay, as I was about run
ashore. I had some articles of clothing
to buy. I will not yet be able to get
all that I need but I will work
along the best I can. We mustnd
for pay on the last day of June
but I do not know when we will
be paid. perhaps not until the expiration
of our term of service

Write of in let me know in
your next. if the Dunaway boys
brought my Carpet Sack home
or not & if Storys cloths were
all with & if his father has
got them. &c.

I will start back to Columbus
at 5 o'clock this evening
My respects to all &
Kisses to the children
Your affectionate husband

Geo. Twitchell.

Excuse mistakes

Head Quarters Co Ith 136th
Reg Me Infy Vol Columbus Ky
July 9th 1864

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

I wrote to you on the 4th inst in answer to yours by Warren. but not having heard any thing since then & having a little time while the Co is on dress parade I thought I would pen you a line that you may know what has transpired since I ~~last~~ returned to Camps. I have felt exceedingly well since my trip to Cairo, however. I have not had much duty to do as we do not drill as much as we did a few weeks ago. I was on picket one day & night during which we had a little excitement caused by reports which came in from the Country to the effect that Forrest was advancing on us ~~with~~ about 10,000 Strong and not more than 12 miles distant it was a false alarm however, and only served to make the men attend strictly to their duty. while I was going the rounds in the I lost one of the rings of my sword & since then have had it at the Shop to get it repaired and consequently could not go out on dress parade this is the cause of my having caused time this evening

Saturday Morning the 9th.

I did not finish my letter last night & will resume my pen this morning. Your favour of the 6th reached me this morning. I was truly glad to hear that you & the children were well. I have just been down to the Post Hospital. to see the Sick. we have 8 men there, who have the Measles they are all getting well. Nathaniel Davis is the only one that is ~~from~~ from Hardin Co. My walk this morning has made me so nervous. that I can scarcely hold my pen.

Well we have a good time generally the weather being so hot. that we do but little drilling altho I am kept pretty busy for making out my Ordnance & Quarter Master Returns yet I find time enough to eat & sleep, at which I can play my part nicely.

We have occasionally good dinners. "for instance" to day we will have green beans, rostinners, new potatoes, fresh beef & Onions, & ~~for~~ ^{dessert} fried pies for dessert.

but by the way. I would be glad if you can conveniently. Send me a box of Vegetables of such kinds, as you can get easily & you think would be suitable. Geo. Savatys is going to write for a box & it would be well to send them both at the same time if the June apples are ripe send some of them.

You need not put your self to too much ^{trouble} over the matter as I can get along with out them.

Since I have been writing 2 of my men have been arrested for forging off the farmers out side the line.

I have nothing more of interest to say I expect you might send me 10 dollars more in your next letter, as there is but little prospect of the Paymaster coming around soon. let me know by your next whether all the clothes that I sent "by the Dunaway Boys, and in the last box." have been called for or not.

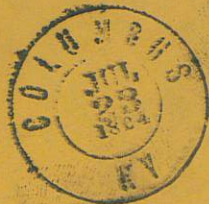
My Respects to all. friends. Wrights. after kisses to the children.

Yours Truly

Sa Fayette Twitchell

Excuse mistakes. & a hurry.

C-LINE #82047
LEGAL SIZE TOPPER



Mrs. Angie Fritchell
Elizabethtown.
Hardin Co
Miss.

Mrs W. A. Twitchell

Co. B
W. T. 136th Reg. Inf. Vol.
July 21st 1864.

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife.

Your kind favor of the 18th inst was rec^d. last night I also rec^d one 3 days before, which I have not answered. I have so little to write about, that I some times think it is almost useless to attempt to say anything more than that ~~we~~ ^{we} are well.

The health of our new general is not as good as it has been. The measles are breaking ^{out} in almost every Co in the Reg. My Co. however, is getting pretty well over the measles & none have died, but there is one or two that are yet pretty sick. There has been six dead from other Co in the last 2 weeks. The boys are generally however in pretty good spirits, thinking and talking about their time soon being out. Only 47 days to serve.

There is some talk of recruiting but we rec^d. "to day" an order that will have a bad effect. Said order reduces the rations of the Soldiers, to the Old Standard of 1860, which is something less than has been issued since the breaking out of the present rebellion. This creates a good deal of murmuring & dissatisfaction among the men yet it is sufficient if it is only taken care of. I think however that a majority of our Reg will recruit at the expiration of their time.

We learned "to day" that Genl. Smith had whipped
Forist had cut his Command all to pieces, this
is good news to some of our men & officers as
their great terror "since we have been here"
has been Forist, fearing he would attack
and capture this place. "I think now" that
some of them will sleep sound, that have
not had a good night's rest, since we have
been here. I learned that the 29th had arrived
at home. There will likely be a rocking among
the Copperhead about town & vicinity. I would
like to be at home while they stay and intend
to get home a day or so if I can.

I have had a very busy time for a week past.
I have had to give instructions to all the Co. Officers
about making out their Ordnance and Quarter-
master Returns. I have been the instructor and
George Savitz, Genl. Clerk, for the Reg. I think
our work for this term is about over as we have
got nearly the reports forwarded.

I was astonished at the receipt of the
Communication from the Ordnance department
which you forwarded to me. I am confid-
-ent that I forwarded a complete return
for the 4 Quarters for which they seem to
have me charged; that is one thing that I want
to come home for to get my old invoices &
Receipts. & make out another return

You say, that E. Brown brought John horse
in & that you intended putting him on the Island
I think it is the best you can do with him
if you have an opportunity to see him I think
it best to do so.

It is getting late & I can not think of anything
more to say to night. So will come to a
close. I would have written more
had it not been for some of the
boys being in the tent telling long
yarns. until 11 o'clock.

I do not feel well to night I have
taken a violent cold. & my head is
aching very bad. I will write again
soon. don't fail to write often

Give my respects to all and a kiss
to baby & Sae. Tell them to write to me

Your affectionate husband

W. Fayette Twitchell

Lucy Mistakes.

Columbus Ky
Aug. 3rd 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

You must excuse me for
Delaying to write you. I will recount my trip
by way of an excuse Monday evening I got to
Golconda. just after dark. I had an invitation
and attended a party at Guy Vuyards. did not
participate in the dance. but enjoyed myself
hugely. notwithstanding Tuesday morning I hired
horses & got a man to go with me to Metropolis
and arrived there in the evening of same day
at the moderate expense of \$7.⁵⁰ I remained
there until Wednesday morning 10 o'clock. when
I got on board the S. B. "Morning Star," Paducah
Packet" and arrived at Cairo at 15 minutes before
six P.M. The Columbus Packet had not yet
started down. so I ran up to Jacksons
Store. And back to the levy just in time
to see her leave the wharf. So I went on
board the New Orleans Packet Graham

which did not start out until 2 o'clock at
night. So I went to bed and did not
awake until 6 o'clock a.m. & ^{to my astonishment} found
myself 6 miles below Hickman. So my only al-
ternative was to stay on board until we met a
boat coming up, or go to New Madrid. On arriving
at No 10, we found the Gunboat 35, which I
got on board. She remained there until about
noon when she started down to Madrid
but before reaching there we met a
boat coming up, which I got on board
of, and reached here, about 8 o'clock
~~yes~~ last night. I found the boys all
well, but beginning to feel some anxiety about
me. I went on picket duty this morning
and consequently have not had time to
write sooner. This is quite a lengthy excuse I hope
it will be acceptable. I just rec'd yours of the 28.
I must go on the Picket line! So must close.
I am feeling just ~~as~~ "accept" a laceration in my left ~~shou-~~
-l-der, but I think it will be well soon, give my respects
to all Enquiring friends, ^{My love to Astor} and kisses to the children
do not fail to write once a week. I will write again soon,
Your affectionate Husband. La Fayette Twitchell.

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REPORT 3212 JAGS

I arrived in morning of 10 dollars
the 28th

Wesley Swartz Camps

Near Columbus Ky

August 8th 1861

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

I wrote you a line the other day. but having a little leisure time to night I thought I would drop you another line. though I have not much. which will interest you. The boys are enjoying reasonably good health. though we have a little more duty than a few days ago. in consequence of the 134 Reg. Ill Vol. going from this place to Paducah. Our men however all seem to be in good spirits and do their duty cheerfully. We have had a good deal of excitement here among the citizens of this place in consequence of the arrest of a number of them by orders of Genl. Paine. Some 10 or 12 of the most wealthy of the ~~the~~ citizens "some of them merchants" were arrested, & their property confiscated and fine from 800. to 11,000 dollars and ordered to go South of the lines or to Canada. My "pretended friends" Mr. Horn & his daughter "who I was telling you about" were two of the victims. They started this morning. I could not help feeling a little sorry to see them embark on so long a trip yet I am satisfied that they are only reaping the reward of their own folly. last night



Mrs Angie Twitchell

Elizabethtown

Hardin Co

Ky

Some 3. others stores were closed by military authority
"one of them the most extensive drug store in town" to day
they have Invoicing their stocks. the remainder of the
^{old} Citizens are trembling in their boots for fear they will
have to travel the same road.

There was one of my Co died last week by the
name of Sylvester Baccus from Metropolis. This is the
only man I have lost. William Kosack, and Henry Kirk
-am have both been sick but they recovering. They boys
are all jubilant with idea of being mustered out
so soon. Some of them talk of renlisting but the
most of them say that they must go home first. So
I do not think that we will succeed in holding our
organization. yet we will make a trial, and in
case we fail I think of trying to get on a gunboat.

Well I believe I am about through with all
I know, and will bring this to a close.

Give my respects to all my friends. I write often
Send me in your next a 5 dollar bill. as I am
out of money. and all my friends are down with
the same complaint. I arrived here on my trip
from home, with 12 dollars ~~of~~ which I paid to Capt.
Floyd, & 3 more I loaned ~~him~~ this evening. the remain-
-der I have spent in sundry ways and am flat.

My best wishes to Artemusa, and Russes.
to Boby & Lafe. tell them to write to me.

Your Affectionate husband
Excuse mistakes. La Fayette Twitchell.

Head Quarters Co^d 136
Reg III Infy Vol. Columbus
Aug 17th 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell.

Dear Wife,

I rec^d yours of the 5th inst
yesterday when we returned from our scout.
On Thursday the 11th, 370. of our Reg with 400 of the Negro Reg
Started on a scout to Mayfield. We had quite a tiresome
trip. The first day Smith & my Co, were the advance guards
and got along very well. The next day we marched
in ^{the} line column, which ^{was} much more tiresome, we had a
very heavy rain during the afternoon, which made it ^{still} more
disagreeable. The 3^d day we reached Mayfield about 10 o'clock.
And we remained there until Monday morning ~~then~~
~~started back~~ during which time we did nothing
but forage. Cook and eat we had a plentiful supply
of fresh pork. Mutton, Chickens, Vegetables, Melons,
Apples &c. On starting Monday morning we were off
on a force march. The day was very warm, and
by 12 o'clock a great deal given out and we had to take it more
moderate during the afternoon we reached Millbourn, which
was a distance of 18 miles from Mayfield. Left Millbourn
about daylight Tuesday morning, and arrived in our old
camps about 11 o'clock distance 12 miles. My Co
stood the trip better than any other Co in the Command

Only 2 gave out on the whole trip ~~there~~ were Wm. W. Farland
Millard McCally. They were sent in to Paducah and down by
river and arrived here about an hour after the Com^d
I believe the boys are ⁱⁿ a better health at present than they
have been before since they have been out. John Clark
is the only one now that is ~~in~~ the sick list & he is getting well
Our march used my feet up pretty badly. They are so
sore yet. I can hardly walk. Thoug I have been on am
on duty as picket officer and am compelled to get
around. I must go on the picket line and sleep to night
thoug it looks very much like rain. I heard this evening
that there was 1400 Rebs crossed the river about Caseyville
and was killing robbing and laying waste to the Country
Yesterday the 141st ^{Ind} and 34th New Jersey Regs left here
for some point in that vicinity. I would give anything
if our Reg could have been with them or have taken
one of their places, but left yesterday immediately on
our arrival. The force that went ^{from this place} will number about
1000 men. I cannot help feeling a little uneasy. Thoug I think
the report I have heard is probably exaggerated. Should they
get into E. Town I think you would be perfectly safe
where you are. Write immediately on the
receipt of this let me know what the state
of things are. I must close and go on the picket
to lines My respects to Artemus & Kessie to
Bobby & Lafa

Expense mistaken.

Your affectionate Husband
La Fayette Twotchell.

Head Quarters Co 8th 136th Reg
Columbus Ky. Aug 20th 1864

My Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife.

The last letter I rec^d from you was dated Aug. 5th I rec^d it just as I returned from the scout to Mayfield and since then have been anxiously looking every mail for an other. The reports of guerrillas in that part of the country has rendered me more uneasy though I expect that the suspension of the mail boats is the cause of not getting any news. We are now looking for the forces back that went from here to drive the Rebs. from Caseyville.

Our time is drawing to a close the boys are quite jubilant over the idea of being mustered out. Yesterday there was an effort made to get the ~~entire~~ sentiment of the men and officers in regard to tendering our services to Gov. Yates as State Guards. until after the Presidential Election but the majority of the men objected to the project failed the men all want to be mustered out at the expiration of their time then they say that will result when they have been permitted to be at home a short time. I do not know however that we will be discharged precisely at the expiration of our time or not it may be that we will be retained a little longer for some purpose or other. We have had some indications of getting pay. We were ordered to sign our pay rolls. The other day and I expect we will be paid of in a few days perhaps a week. I believe it would be better for the most of the men if their pay was withheld until the expiration of their time as many many will spend all they draw this time before they get home.

I would write more but have not time now
Col. Hawkins of the 7th Tennessee Cavalry has
just returned from his Captivity and makes
a Speech in town to night. I think I will
go to hear him.

Write soon. and often give my
respects to all and kisses to the Children
Don't fail to write

Your Affectionate husband

Lafayette Twitchell

Head Quarters Co. D
136th Reg. Ill. Infy. Vol.
Columbus. Aug 23^d 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

As I have an opportunity
of sending a letter to Metropolis by St.
Cropper I thought I would drop you a line
Thinking that it would be more likely
to reach you by having a good start.
I have written 3 times since I returned
from Mayfield but have not heard from
you since the 5th inst.

We are all in pretty good health John
Clark is has got well. & I have but one
man unfit for duty. I have nothing of interest
to write our Col. has started to Springfield
to see if he can get the regiment into the
State Service. I do not think however
that he can succeed as the most of the
Officers & me are opposed to it, and opposed
more particular to him remaining Colonel

LEGAL SIZE TOPPER
O-LINE #65047

My Opinion is that we will be
mustered out at or soon after the
Expiration of our term which will
be on the 8th day of next month
Capt Floyd. has just returned from
Golconda. he bring a more favorable
report of the Rebel Raid at Caseyville
Says that only 15 or 20 crossed the river
that no depredations were committed
a portion of the force that went
from here came back last night
they say that the Rebs. are making
tracks of through Reg. I expect
we will probably be sent out
from here to try to cut them
off. I heard a report however
last night to the effect that
our Reg would go to Hickman
though I do not credit it
Write soon. get a letter through
some way or other as I am getting
very anxious to hear from
you. I will write again

Soon but close this as
Lt. is now ready to start
My respects to all
My Love to Arturissa
and the Children
Yours affectionately
La Fayette Twitchell

As a specimen of the most numerous ^{of the} species of fowls
that inhabit this country. he was captured Lint
Lacy, "of Co "I." this Reg." after a spirited combat of some
length. The attack being first made by the mosquito
and after being several times repulsed ~~by the Lt.~~ was
finally flanked, completely surrounded and captured
by the Lt.

Monday morning all quiet on the Potomac. all in good
health and well condition Kirkham will start on first
Boat ^{the} 100 dollars is in this letter

Yr Husband
S. F. Twitchell.

Head Quarters Co "I"
136th Ill. Infy Vol.
Columbus Ky Aug 27th 1864

Mrs. Angie Twitchell.

I Rec^d yours of "The 9 + 15th of
this month," to day. This being the first letter that I have
received in 2 weeks. I learned by Mr Kirkham however
that you and the children were well. Kirkham
arrived here on Thursday last & he talks of starting
back tomorrow morning and I will send this by him.
I rec^d a dispatch "yesterday evening" from Maj. Courtis
of the 29th Reg. Stating that the Reg would down
on the next boat but I since learned that they
were ordered across the river in Ky. on a scout and
they will probably come down by land to this place

9 o'clock P.M. I had to stop writing to day. to attend
to some business down in town. while I was
in town this evening the 29th Reg. ~~appearing~~ Co "A."
Came along on the S. B. Kentucky I had the pleasure
of seeing all of them. They come ^{was} pretty. Talking me
off with them. I see John Daily. he is the same
old John. They all seemed in fine spirits and glad
that they were getting back to duty. Co "A" will
probably pass here tomorrow. Kirkham. tells me
that they got about 25. new recruits and that they
be compelled to go to Springfield.

We did expect to be payed of to day, but from some Cause or other, They Pay Master did not come around, but we have the promise of getting it tomorrow if we do. ~~Of we get our pay tows~~ I will send some money home by Mr. Kirkham. We have various conjectures about the time that we will be mustard out. Some say "that we will be retained a month or so after the expiration of our time but I have no idea but that we will be mustard out at on or about the 10th next month

Col Johns is now at Springfield for the purpose of getting us retained, but I think he is on a fool errand, as I do not believe he can accomplish anything in that way. I shall be very busy until the end of our time, as I will have to get every thing straitened up before I can be dismissed, and then "it may be" that I will not get out, as they say that there is an order issued "from the War Department to retain the Officers of the 100 days men and put them in commands in old Reg^t in the front" however I put no credit in this report, as I have never seen an Order to that effect.

I believe I will finish this in the morning as Kirkham may not start until late and I may have something more to write about. Lieut Cropper has just arrived from home. He says that the Copperheads are very numerous and bold, about Metropolis and doing a good deal of loud talking. I have no doubt but that Military Law will be enforced soon throughout the State

Sunday Night 8 o'clock Well again. I have had a pretty busy day, been officer of the day—Kirkham. Concluded to stay until tomorrow morning. So the boys will "all" that want to ~~can~~ have a chance to send their money home. We were only paid however one months pay amounting to 16 dollars to each Private and \$126.40 to the Capt^s. but we are all thankful for favors though they are small. I have

I shall enclose 100. dollars in this letter for you, and send it by Mr. Kirkham. You can pay C. McFarland the amt due him from John Weed on pants, and send me the receipt, also get from Capt. McFarland a bill of John Weeds acct. "as per agreement with Weed and me," and forward the same to me at this place. "Endorse on the letter," to follow the Reg. So that in case we move to Springfield, or else where, I may get it, before we are finally payed and mustard out. I believe I have nothing more of interest write immediately on the receipt of this. Give my respects to all inquiring friends especially Artemissa, and Russ to the children. for the present good night
Your affectionate husband
La Fayette Twitchell.

P.S. I may add something more in the morning. Enclosed you will find a frame of a mosquito though it is rather below the medium. Size of this species of ~~flies~~ I send it

5 I want you to ride immediately
if I want to go as far as
possible. I hope you will be
able to get away. But I
thought I would let you know
see in the or a letter to the
children or I want you to answer
immediately. I hope you will
be able to get away. I hope
you will be able to get away.
I hope you will be able to get away.
I hope you will be able to get away.

Yours truly
The children
is well. I hope you will be able to get away.
I hope you will be able to get away.

Head Quarters Co. "D"
Columbus Ky Sept 10th 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear wife

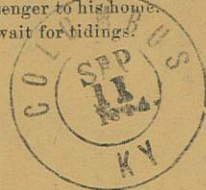
I rec^d. your letter acknowledging the receipt of the money I sent by Jas. L. Kirkham and containing the required accounts which I was glad to receive so promptly. I have nothing to write in answer of much interest. More than that we are just awaiting orders to go to Springfield and be mustered out.

Some of the boys cut up a little on the morning of the ninth (yesterday) some 12, or 14 of Co. "H" (Capt Floyd) Co. Stacked their arms, and refused to do duty. The result was they were marched to the ~~Gen~~ Military Prison where they will probably remain until we get orders to move. 8 of my men brought ~~to~~ out their guns to stack, but they reconsidered the matter and did not stack them, and consequently saved themselves from disgrace.

Last night Capt Howard came down on a boat last night with his Co. and some 400 new recruits for different Reg. The boat lay here from midnight until 8 o'clock this morning. I had a chance to see and talk with all the boys. I think that probably we will not be at home for 2 or 3 weeks. as we will possibly be detained at Springfield in getting our accounts and mustering out rolls fitted out.



The U. S. Christian Commission
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home.
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.



Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabethtown
Hardin Co.
Illinois

I have nothing more at present
Give my respects to all my friends
And kisses to baby and Laff
La Fayette Twitchell



Head Quarters
Post of Columbus
Sept 14th 64

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

Your
favour of Aug 29th came to
hand this evening. The \$5 dollar
was all right. I regret to hear
the trouble you spoke of. And
I must say that I was astonished
to hear that a thing of that kind
would occur, but as I know nothing
of the circumstances, consequently do
not feel myself competent to make
any comments. I think I will
be at home in the course of
2 weeks. The probability is that
will move to Springfield in
2 or 3 days. The men are jubilant
over the anticipation of going home

We recd. an official Report
to the effect that Genl. Sherman
has possession of Atlanta also
that Langst. has captured
Fort Morgan. and Fort Lawns and
almost a certainty that Mobile
will soon fall. From friends
appearances we may hope for
a speedy termination of the war.
I have nothing of interest
to write it now about 12 o'clock
at night and I am to sleep
to fight of the mosquitoes so
will retire.

My respects to Artemus
and kisses to Boby and
Safie. Tell them that they
must be good boys
Your affectionate

Lafayette Twitchell
Excuse mistakes.

Head Quarters Co. Ith 136th
Reg Ill Inf't Vol. Columbus Ky
Sept. 14th 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife.

Yours of the 10th inst. is at hand. I was truly glad to hear that you and the Children were enjoying good health. I have been suffering with a severe cold for some days past, but this morning I feel much better. I can not tell yet when we will get away from here, or what time we will get home. I think however that we will not remain here more than 3 or 4 days longer. but we may remain at Springfield several days before we can be mustered out. as I have no doubt that they are thronged with business at the mustering offices. You spoke of purchasing John Gratekous property as he wrote to me concerning it. I answered him that I did not want it. but if you think it advisable to buy it do so. provided you can get it at a fair price. he did not tell me what his price was. Consequently I cannot tell whether it would be advisable to buy it or not. I would suggest the propriety of ~~arriving~~ ^{arriving} any way, as I do not think it advisable for

Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabethtown
Hardin Co
Illinois



You to remain where you are much longer.
I only wish I could come home and attend to that
that matter for you and will if possible be at
home in 2 weeks. However don't miss renting
of purchasing "if you think best" in consequence of my
absence. I have nothing more of interest
write soon. let me know Mr G. price
for his house to rent, or sell.

You say you have had no help. Tell
me where Artemusa is

My respect to all friends. My love
and kisses to baby & Lafo

Your affectionate husband
L. F. Twitchell.



Wesley's 2nd 136th
Reg. Inf. Vol.
Columbus N.Y. Sept 17th

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

Your favor of the 14th is at hand. I am glad to hear you are enjoying reasonably good health and also to know that once and a while I can get a letter in a season due time. I regret to hear of Bettie and Warren's misfortune in the loss of their child. I sincerely sympathize with them in their bereavement.

I wrote you day before yesterday in answer to yours of the 10th in which you spoke of renting ~~and~~ or buying some property from Grate House. If you have the opportunity of getting the house on good terms I would say take it yet if you do not want to make the trade I think I will be at home certainly ~~for~~ in 2 weeks.

I have just returned from a Scout out on the R-Road with my company. We started ~~this~~

at 6 o'clock and went out about
7 miles and guarded the road while
while some repairs were being
made. The boys were much delighted
with their trip, and seem in better
spirits this evening than they have been
before in some time.

We have just been getting up Furlous
for ^{all} the sick men of this Reg. to send
them home a few days, until the Reg.
moves to Centerville or Springfield to
be mustered out.

I am suffering with head ache
this evening caused by my ride on
the open car. but I think I will be
well by morning. I have nothing further
of interest and will close.

My respects to all. My love and kisses
to Bobby and Laff.

Your affectionate husband
La Fayette Twitchell

Head Quarters Co "B"
Columbus Ky Sept 21st

Mrs Angie Twitchell,

Dear Wife,

Your favor of
the 18th and 19th. came to hand this evening
I am truly glad to hear that you and
the children were still well. I have nothing
of interest to write as I sent you a letter
the other day. We have rec^d no orders
yet to be mustered out, but we are still
in expectation of getting them every day.
There has been Furlous made out and
forward, for the Sick of our Reg. and
it is expected they will start tomorrow
or next day. I think we will not
remain here longer than till Sunday
next yet there is no certainty in our
being relieved there. I was at a Union
Meeting last night. well attended by the
Citizens and Soldiers of this place

LEGAL SIZE TOPPER
C-LINE #85047

We had 4 Speeches by pretty able men
The principal an best was delivered
by Judge M. Blane, of Ill., who is truly
unwon. and one of the big guns of Ill.
he made an extemp speech just suited
to the time and place. he told me
that he and Gov. Yates, would stump
it throug our southern Co's about
the middle of next month.

Well amigo you will please excuse
me for a short letter this time, as
I have nothing to write. I was on duty
yesterday "in Capt St. Clare's place" as
Officer of the day, and tomorrow I go
on my own tour, and will have to be
up early in the morning consequently I'll
close my letter, and go to bed

Tell Boby & Lafa to be good boys, and if
I fail to bring them some coats, I will
bring them something else nice

My respects to my friends and kisses to the
children. Your affectionate husband
La Fayette Twitchell

John Weed just got word of the
Sickness of his family I have filled
out a Furlow for him to go home, &
if I can succeed in getting it approved
he will start home tomorrow.
That is all write soon.
La Fayette Twitchell.

Cano Lee

Sept 25th 1864

Mrs. Augie Twitchell

I drop you this
line that you may know that
there is some probability of
my being at home soon
Our Reg is this far on its way
to be mustard out yet
I do not know when we
will go. Our orders are to
go to Chicago, but I think
it is a mistake and that
we will be mustard out
at Centraley if so I think
I can be at home in a week
or ten days at farthest.

I am enjoying good health. My
Men are all able to be along
Nothing more at present

Your husband S Fayette Twitchell

The train is to start
in two minutes -

Give my respects
to all and kisses to the
children yours truly
L. F. Titchell



Adjt. Genl Fuller, Visited us to day and made a Speech to the boys, which revived them amazingly. He settled the matter of our pay previous to our Muster into the Service, which has been a subject of much discussion in our Regt (I mean) the time from the date of Enlistment to the date of Muster, which in (my Company) is 10 days, it is that much pay more than the most of the boys expected.

I did expect to have been at home by this time, but at present the prospect is not as good as it was, a few days ago, though I do not think we will be detained here more than 10 or 12 days when we will go back to Chicago and be mustered out.

And another thing makes me feel more reconciled, is that, in this, we will deserve some credit, which will make amends for our former idleness. These are the most comfortable quarters that we have ever found I expect that this is the best arranged barracks in the west, I shall not attempt to describe them. Suffice to say, it is a magnificent place to do so.

Genl. Rosacrane and Genl. A. J. Smith are both in the city, I suppose, maturing their plans for the capture of Price and his forces, in which I hope they may be successful, yet I have some doubts as Price's force is principally mounted

I was astonished to see the Citizens of Chicago and other places, on the Central Road offering such immense bounties and prices for substitutes. A man can get for enlisting ^{in Chicago} 100. dollars bounty - and for taking the place of a drafted man from 1500. to 2000. dollars. This shows what a horror some men have for war. I met with John Ferguson yesterday as we passed through Richview, he is just recovering from a wound he rec'd some weeks ago, in trying to capture some horse-thieves.

George Garrison, was stated day before yesterday at the fare, at Bunkerhill, by a Copperhead who made his escape by dodging through the crowd. George was stabbed in the left side the wound is quite serious but ^{not} supposed to be mortal.

I believe I have nothing more of interest to write immediately on the receipt of this. Direct to St. Louis, to follow the Regt. I will enclose an order to Capt. M^r Farlow, "which you will please give him," to let Thomas Dickson's wife, have something to live upon, until we are payed I will draw it out of his wages. Give my respects to all my friends. Kiss Bobby & Laff for me, tell them they must be good boys, and I will bring them something nice when I come. I have not rec'd the letter you wrote when I was at home, it will not overtake me for some time yet. Your affectionate husband.

La Fayette Twitchell
Excuse mistakes and it is getting late and my eyes are about muddled

Jeff Benton Barabks
Oct. 2^d 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

I have made another stop
"Only for a short time however" at this place.
We arrived at Lee's Town. last night, at 11 o'clock. this ^{morning} ~~Evening~~
over to this place, where we will remain only until
tomorrow morning, when we will take up the
line of march for the Sulphur Springs which
is about 6 miles south west from this place.
The cause of this unexpected tour is, the advance
of Price into this State with a force variously
estimated at from 3000 to 4000, strong, and threaten-
ing Jefferson City and this place. Our men grumbled
about leaving Chicago without being mustered out
but have now become reconciled to their fate and
say they are ready for any emergency. I was afraid
that we would have some desertions, but we are all
here except one man of Co "D" by the name of Joseph
Harmer who, fell off the cars, near Mattoon Station
"right before last" and was killed. No other incidents
occurred on the trip worth notice, further than that
we had a very ^{long} tedious trip and were glad when
we reached our destination. We will draw clothing
again in the morning and prepare for our excursion into
the country.

Head Quarters Co "D"

Fort No. 7. St Louis Mo

Oct 3rd 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell,

As I have a little leisure, I will let you hear from me. as I have again changed location. We had been expecting to be moved to the country for some time. but our move turned out a change from the Barracks to this little Fort which is situate in western suburbs of the city. it is quite a small Fort just large enough for one Co. yet it is well arranged and is quite a formidable position. The prospect at present is that we will remain here until Price is driven back or change his threatening demonstration on this place. The Citizens of this place have been a good deal alarmed for the safety of this City. Rosey has had the stores & shops closed a portion of the day, in order that the Citizens may drill and learn the duty of soldiers. They are getting pretty well drilled and if they should be attacked they City would turn out a very good army.

I think that now I have got my Co. to its self. that I will get along a little better ^{than} we have been for sometime. yet I will be under the orders of the Col. but immediately under his jurisdiction.

ST. LOUIS BRANCH

—OF THE—

U. S. Christian Commission,

Sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home. Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.



Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabethtown
Hardin Co.
Illinois

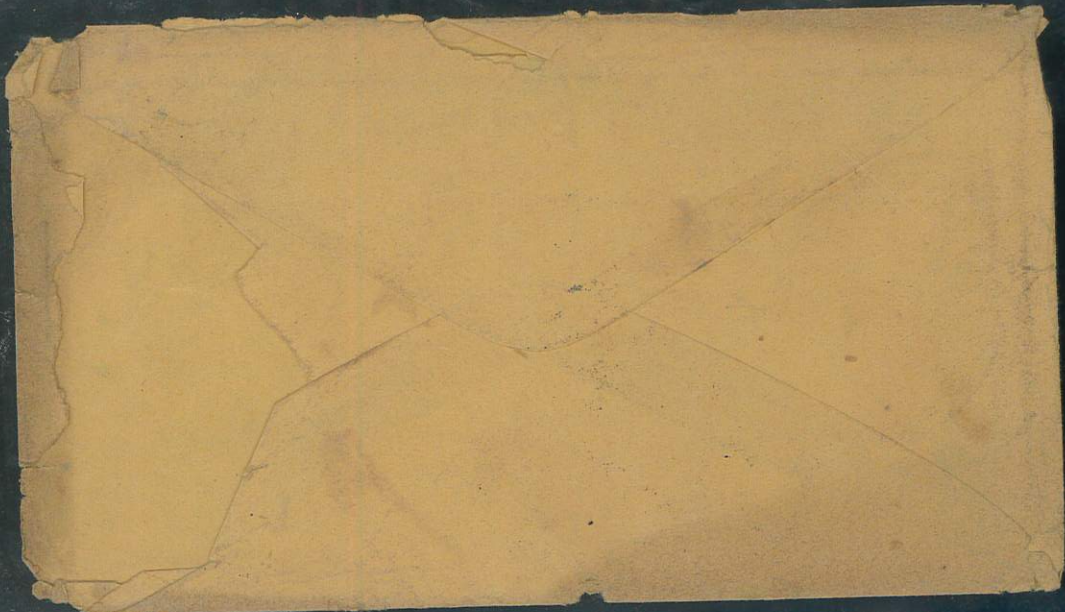
I will have to close the boys are
making so much noise that I cannot
think of anything more to say, and will
close. write soon direct to St Louis.

Give my respects to all inquiring friends
Tell Boby & Lape that I will not forget them
Your affectionate husband

S. F. Twitchell.

Excuse mistakes, and a short letter, don't fail
to write & give me all the news.

S. F. T.



Head Quarters Co. "A"
Fort St. Louis, Mo.
Oct. 9th. 1864

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife,

Yours of the 24th.
reached me this evening. This is the first word
I have had from you since I left Columbus Ky
and I must say that I felt some uneasiness as
I had been at this place about a week before I heard
from you. Well Angie; I am in good health, but
somewhat disponding in spirit. We were ordered to
this place from Chicago, "as we supposed" to chase
Pap Price out of Mo; "which job" I believe our men would
have went at cheerfully; but in stead of that. They put
us in the Forts here for the defence of this place
and altho we are doing just the same good as thou-
gh we were in the field. Yet the Boys can't see it, in
that light and are becoming very restless and tired
of staying here which causes is the cause of much trouble
to their officers. I have got along very well until this
morning when they ^{the boys} concluded they would refuse duty
and by that means get mustard. But sooner than
they would otherwise be. Consequently 43 of my Co. failed at

to come out at Roll Call this morning. I made
out my report accordingly; and so the matter stands.
I do not know how it will result, whether in
the immediate ordering of our Reg. back to Ill. to be
mustard out; or detaining us longer than we would
otherwise have been. I fear the latter course will
be pursued by the authorities over us. There is one
thing certain, that we cannot leave here without
orders from Genl. Rosecrank, and he is now in
or near Jefferson City. Consequently it will take
several days to get orders from him. I do not
believe that it was the intention to keep our Reg. here
longer than "until they got Price to St. Louis."
which if not ^{already} done will be, in a few days, when
we will undoubtedly be relieved and mustard out.
I cannot learn anything about our forces that
are after Price, but the utmost confidence is ~~manifest~~
felt ^{among} Military men of this place that our forces are
equal to the emergency, and no ~~of~~ fears in regard
to Jefferson City, ^{which} according to latest advs. is, or is about to
be attacked by Price's whole Comd. Though with all
things may result differently and even the
"invincible" 136th, ^{being 10,000 strong} be called into action yet.
Genl. Mowbray's Comd. is near on transports on their
way to Jefferson.

Well Angie; I am almost home-sick
Although I am here in the City of St. Louis,
where I can visit Pleasure Gardens, Parks, Saloons
and Theaters, and mix with the busy throng of
a great City, yet home is continually on my mind.
and I must say, that I feel as anxious to be there
as ever I did in my life, yet I must await the
pleasure of Providence. "or the Orders of Superior
Officers," and console myself with the thought
"which is indeed a consolation" that I am in the
service of my Country. But enough of this it is
getting late I must close my letter, take a little smoke
and go to bed. I had like to forget to mention
the health of the men. There is some 10 or 12 cases of
sickness in my Co. none dangerous, mostly ague, a
few cases of home sickness, which, are the most serious.
Give my kindest regards to Warren & Bettie and
family. Kisses to Boby and Laffie, tell them that
they must be good and mind their Ma, that I
shall expect to find them; a couple of little Gentlemen
when I return. I must close for the present.
good night

Your Affectionate husband
La Fayette Twitchell

Write often; direct here, until you hear from me again.
L.F.T.

Head Quarters Co. I.
136th Reg. Ills. Infly Vol
Fort St. J. St Louis Mo
Oct. 13th 1864

Mrs. Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

As I have nothing to employ myself at better than writing you line, I will scratch down a few words though I have nothing worth writing or that seems of much interest to write about. I sent you a letter day before yesterday in which I mentioned every thing of interest. Since then nothing has occurred. More than a slight change in the minds of the men, who "I mentioned had that morning refused to do duty"

This evening they unanimously come into the traces again, & pretty well convinced that they will get along quite as well ~~by~~ if not a little better ^{by} doing duty.

So I think now, that I will be able to get along without any further trouble.

This morning I learned from our Lt Col. that the order had been issued for us to move to Springfield to be mustered out if that is the case, we will be likely to leave here tomorrow or next day. I hope we may for two special reasons. First, I am exceedingly

anxious to get home, and Second, I am
tired of this Service "I mean" the 100 days Service
and this 136th Reg. We never have had proper
discipline enforced, and from this, origi-
nates all our troubles since the expiration of
our term. The 131st was bad enough in regard
to want of discipline; but the 136th is still worse
than that. If I go into the Service again
I hope I will have better luck than I had
heretofore, and get into a Reg that will have
some credit and a good reputation.

Well Angie I cannot help feeling good
over present prospect of things generally
both Military, and Political. Things are
assuming a brighter aspect. The dark clouds
that have overshadowed ^{our nation}, are breaking away
and rays of light are beaming through
from every quarter to reflect peace, and
happiness, again, over our Country.

Our armies are advancing, and are successful
at every move, and the results of the late
elections in Ohio, and Indiana, is good evidence
that there is loyal people enough at home
to support, and sustain, the Government in
the putting down the rebellion. This is a glorious
reflection; and I could write more on this subject, but
my candle is about out, and I must close. I will write
when we get to Springfield, as there is where we will go. My respects to all and
Kisses to the children Your affectionate husband Lafayette Twitchell

St Louis Oct 24th 70
A.M.

Well Anger.

I forgotten to send
this letter when I first wrote
in yesterday we ~~to~~ prepared
to move to Springfield
"as I thought" by way of
New Town. I got my Co on
the way soon as I was
ordered, but could not
find the Reg. They had
taken the packet and
go to Alton the result
is that myself and Co with
15 or 20 sick men are
here yet. I think I will
get transportation and
get off to Springfield
some time to day -

Yours in haste
L. F. Turtelle

Miss Angie Turtelle
Kosciusko
Harris Co
Ind.

Head Quarters Co "D"
136th Inf. Vol.
Camp Buller Ill

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Dear Wife

I again drop you a line
that you may know my whereabouts.
I mailed you a letter yester at Alton which
I had written at St Louis 3 days before.

I was left behind at St. Louis when the Regs
moved, in consequence of a blunder of the Col.
we did not get to the wharf until the Reg was
gone, I then had to obtain Transportation and
ration, before I could move my Co. I succeeded
however and got through to this place with
but very little trouble, got along better than
though we had been with the Reg. we arrived
at the junction 2 miles west of Springfield at
12 o'clock last night. Left Camp on to the City
last and found where the Reg was and got
an engine this morning and moved the men
to this place, about 10 o'clock A.M. and here
are at last Engaged (though it is Sunday)
making preparation for mustering out
though it is a big job. I think that we
can get through this week. we will have
a busy time until we get mustered out.
and I may not have time to write again however
if we do not get out as soon as I expect I will
write again

D.D.

read over at home.

I left Columbus by and that was written when I have only read one letter from you since.

It is amusing to see the Conscripts and Substitutes, that throng this Camp all sorts and from the shadows from the white man to the blackest negro in the State of Ala. Some of them in their own place with only their 16 dollars other for month, and others in the same Co as Substitutes at 15.00 and 20.00 dollars besides their monthly wages, those Class, are exceedingly flush with money, and many of them make a poor use of it. Oh I must tell you I saw Charley Watson this morning in Springfield, he says, he is going to join the army. I am going to the City tomorrow to get the necessary blanks and instructions, for closing up my acct. with the Government. The boys are in all in pretty good health, I have not heard from John English since I left him at Chicago. The report is in Camp this evening that money has arrived to pay off all the troops that are & will be mustered out at this place for some time "if this is true", we have reason to be exceedingly glad. My respects to all & kisses to the children. Write soon as you get this and direct to Camp Butler.

Your Affectionate husband
Sally M. Twitchell,

Camp Butler Ill
Oct. 19th 1864

Miss Angie Fitchell

Dear Wife

Altho it is 2 o'clock at night
and I have been sitting up very late, several nights past
and wrote you a letter 3 days ago yet I am bound
to say a few words to you before I go to sleep.
I have just rec'd yours of Oct 12th and am
glad indeed to hear you are well.

You speak of a difficulty between you and Reuben.
you do not say how it occurred, or what it was
about, which I am a little astonished at as you
might know. I would be anxious to hear, though I
expect you have written about ^{it} in a letter that I have
not rec'd. This being the first word I have had from
you since John Reed was at home, "except that
Watson told me," that you and the children were
well. I want you to write me the particulars
as soon as you receive this if you have not written
them before. I am well. never in better health in
my life, and I am getting along very well with
my work though I have done a good deal and
have much more to do yet before we get mustard
out, and when mustard out the prospect is not
very flattering for pay immediately, as there
is none here. Mustard 3 weeks ago have not rec'd
their pay. So I think it probable that I will not
get home quite soon as I had hoped to

Completed the job of turning over my Arms,
Samp and Garrison Equipage, and Quartermaster
Stores ~~for~~ day but have not yet got Returns
made out and have not got Muster & pay Rolls
and Musterout Rolls made out. I think we can
finish them tomorrow if nothing happens and
be ready to be Mustard out by day after which
will be Friday. So you see that the time of my
getting home will depend my getting pay.

The boys are all in pretty good health, and good
spirits in anticipation of soon getting home.

I have nothing more of interest, and my eyes
are so much run down that I think I had
better quit and go to bed. I will have
be up early.

Give my respects to my friends
My special regard to Warren Pettit &
Chapman and many kisses to Boby &
Lafayette. Tell Boby that he must finish his Book
that I will be anxious to hear how well he can
read. Tell Lafayette that I will expect to find
him a perfect little gentleman when
he comes home.

Your Affectionate Husband

Lafayette Twitchell, Capt
Co "F" 136th ILL Vols

Excuse me for putting the handle to
my name. I have been so in the habit
of using it lately that I did not think till it
was done.

Camp Butler
Oct 26th 1864

Mrs Angie Twitchell

Your letter of Oct 8th
reached me this evening; It grieves me to hear of
your trouble; I only wish I could have been
there to punish the infernal scoundrels that
told such lies. however it is no use to talk
about it now. I hope I will soon return
home, when I will know all about it, and
shape my course accordingly, there is one
thing I do believe, that the lowest pits of hell
is too good for some of our neighbours and would-be
friends, that live about there; and I sincerely
hope and believe, there is a day of reckoning
(not far distant) for them but enough—

We had a good deal of trouble getting our muster
out rolls prepared, but we got them right
and were mustered out on the 28th inst
when we presented our ~~2~~ Payrolls to the
Paymaster. he pronounced mine and 3 others
correct, and the other 6 companies
wrong, which caused a delay of 2 days in
getting paid off. I do not expect ~~we will~~
the Reg. will be paid before day after tomorrow
and then only the enlisted men. The Officers
pay will be retained until their acct are
audited at Washington City, which will
probably take a month or more, so
you see we will all have to borrow money
to get home on



Mrs Angie Twitchell
Elizabethtown
Hardin Co
Illinois

Which is a thing that none of us expected
yet I am not disposed to grumble as the
most of the officers do is. & swear that I will
never fight again for Uncle Sam.

I consider that it is all for the best & if
I do not have my wages I cannot spend them
and it will only be the better when it comes.

I had all of my company mustered out
but J. D. English who, was left at Chicago, &
he arrived here yesterday. So I will get him
mustered out tomorrow and get all my Boys
back home. (Except the 2 that died at
Columbus) which will be better than any
other Company has done; however
there are some 2 or 3 of the boys that are
quite sick at present but none so bad
but what they can travel especially
toward home. Well Angie I will write
no more this time; as I am tired and sleepy
and will probably keep this letter home any
way. for if no providential hindrance
I think ^{you} get started home on the 28th or 9th
(that is) Friday or Saturday next.

Give my respects to my friends (if you
know who they are) and kiss the children.

Your Affectionate Husband
LaFayette Twitchell.

I forgot to say that I have not been very well
for two days past and am still suffering
with diarrhea, but think I will be better
by morning as I have been taking medicine.

Yours L. F. Twitchell