

CY LEWIS TO MACK

Camp Otterville

Feb the 7th 1862

Henry I received your letter quite a while ago you must excuse me for not answering it sooner we have been so busy that I did not have time I am usuly well I weigh with my over coat on 155 lbs a pretty good weight for me I think that next wednesday will find us in St Louis again I got a letter from home which told of Elixandre Bobbs death and Ebens bad luck was very sory to hear such news we have cleaned the cesesh pretty well out of this place and expect that we are going down the Mississippi to take the forts and batteries and to plant again the american flag on her soil that will be dangerous voyge but I can afford to face danger for the sake of a free country I wish that you and Eben could be here to go with us yesterday we unloaded from the cars two large field pieces the ball of which weighs thirty two lbs it takes ten horses to hawl apre [a pair?] of the guns and equipments there were three regments and two bateries left this morning for a long and tetious march to Kentucky I hope that they may be blessed with success I have been promised a fulow of forty days to go home an it will be given next month then you may look for me home give my love to my Father and Mother my respects to your parents and in fact every body that I know

Yours Truly
Cyrus H. Lewis

Note: Clearly, Cy was another Hillsdale County friend of Mack's.

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