

Care of Capt. R. F. Crozier  
Co. M Col. Samuel W. Black's Regt.  
Washington, D.C., Sept. 27, 1861

Dear Father,

I received your letter on the 26 Inst. and was glad to hear that you were all well. I am well and like it well and think that I could not have got in a better company. Our Capt. was in the Mexican War and our Co. was a Lt. Col. there.

You want to know whether I want any cloth or not. I do not want any. I have got more clothes than I can take care of. I have got 2 pair of socks, 2 pair of drawers, 2 flannel shirts, 1 overcoat, 1 blouse, 1 blanket, 1 pair of pants, a cap and 1 pair of shoes. I could not put any more in my knapsack if I had it. I may need a pair of knit gloves in about 2 months but I think they will be found for me.

It is as cold here as it is there, I think. I want you to see Nick Rouslot and see how much he can pay on that trip and if he pays you, why you can pay for my paper and send me a copy of it to read. I got \$4.00 at Lock Haven from him. Postage stamps are most impossible to get. There was 40 dolloars worth in camp yesterday and they did not last ten minutes. I did not get one.

I am in sight of Washington. When that battle was fought at the chain bridge, we stood for about 3 hours with our guns. We was about four miles off and was ready to go to the battle but did not go.

I am your humble servant,  
Isaac Smith

Camp near Fortress Monroe  
March 26, 1862

Mr. R. E. Smith

Dear Brother,

I got news here today that 84 Regiment of P. V. had got into a fight at Winchester and that their Col. was killed but I do not know how many men got killed, so I want you to let me know how to Direct to Dan if he is not among the missing. I got a letter from him two or three days before we left Camp Bettie Black but I did not answer it because I could not get any paper till I got to that camp near Alexandria which we called Camp Switzer and then I heard that Gen. Banks Division had got near Manassas and I did not know how to Direct to him so I thought that I had better get information from you. I am not well at present but if we stay here three or four days I think that I will be alright by that time.

Direct to: Company M  
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Old Point Comfort, Va.