

June 14 20 1869

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Campbell Merriam  
to Mr. Fred Merriam  
W. H. P. I. I. I.

~~In care of Capt. McDonald  
D. H. C.~~

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Co. I. 64 Regt. 2 Briga  
3 Ave. Washington  
D. H. C.

June 20, 1865

Dear Father I now sit down to let you know how I have been getting along. I have been sick for a to [sic] weeks. I am getting better now. I think I will bee [sic] in a few days. I had my brother William Merriman to see me last night. He stayed all night with me. He looks well.

Old Colonel Dawson is out in the 61 reg. He is third sergent [sic] carring [sic] the knapsack and musket he said he might as well take the bounty as not. He led the regiment in charge at Petersburg [sic]. There was no officers could give the command loud enuf [sic].

Well I guess I told you all the news I know. I want you to write and let me know how things in that part of the country. I guess I will close. Give my love to mother and keep a share for your self [sic]. Give my [sic] to Ephraim and Washington.

Nothing more at the present but still remain your affectionate son.

Campbell Merriman

To Mr. Frederick Merriman  
Write soon.

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