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Camp Defiance Jan 19

Dear Sister

We left camp Duglas [sic] last Wednesday and arrived in Cairo thursday night the snow was six or eight inches deep in Chicago and thare [sic] was not any hear [sic] it rained all day yesterday hear [sic] and the mud is anckl [sic] deep all over the town it is allmost to [sic] warm for [Campart] hear [sic] to day it begins to look some like war hear [sic] now there is three camps in sight of one another one hear [sic] one on the Kentucky side and one on the Moesury [sic] side and cannons pointed to the river at each place

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so that it is an imposable [sic] thing for a boat to come up or down either river without being bloone [sic] out of the water if they are enemys [sic] the town is full of cesesh and stand gard [sic] with loded [sic] guns now thare [sic] was another Regiment came hear [sic] the night after we did the 8th Wisconsin Frank Whisner is in it I have seen him one of thare [sic] men went in a seloon [sic] hear [sic] and got som [sic] Whiskey and it was poisoned and he is to be burried [sic] to day and [two] of the boys in our Regament [sic] got in a fight cesesh and Shot one of them through the thumb and the other one shot him and kiled [sic] him so you see that it begins to look like war

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We have got prity [sic] good qurters [sic] but it is so mudy [sic] that thare [sic] is about an inch of mud on the flore [sic] all the time I dont know how long we shall stay hear [sic] but hope not long I want to see some action I am very well and so is bob I have been on the [JE and M] shore as you see that I was in three states in one day We expect the north Western Regiment hear [sic] and I may see Charlie I am on gard [sic] to day and have not got A very nise [sic] place to write so good by for now give love to father and mother and I am your affectionate brother

George

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P S I forgot to tell you that thare [sic] is seven gun boats hear [sic] all most redy [sic] to go down the river and they look savage I can tell you Direct to the [Lead Mine] 45th Regament Cairo Ill care of capt Sealy and the letter will follow us whare [sic] ever we go Write us soon as you can for I shall not get letters from home very often I will write to you once a weak [sic]

George