

Feb 8, 1968

took down  
on one side they had their  
tent already to strike  
at the site of the dump  
all went down to gather  
it filled ones mind ~~for~~  
thoughts of fables to see  
them so many men be  
fore day amid smoke  
and fire the tents falling  
down shouting baggage  
they left a good many things  
I went over and got some  
of the good books and  
found a nice bag  
it took 18 packages cars and  
a freight and two engines  
to dump them with some  
it was a very time but  
with most of them happy  
but it took a long time  
then our camp and this  
was only 3 rabbits and A. G. Walle

Feb 8, 1862

but the main thing is hard  
bread & beef coffee twice  
a day cold water for dinner  
we generally get enough to eat  
our captain is Frank Drew  
1 Lieutenant R N Price  
of the Fort 2 Lieut Collier  
Patten the men call him  
Bubb Lieut the way in  
which Patten cheated  
Leharley Garrel is ridiculous  
if he had been here he would  
of been shure of it

but he was completely  
cheated it is a fine day  
today the regt is on drill  
it looks well to see the cavalry  
and the other regt drill  
at once there is over 5000  
soldiers in Augusta  
the cavalry are all paid off  
we will get our room perhaps  
this week I like well have  
not been home sick any yet  
I will finish on another sheet

Almon C White

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

Augusta  
Camp Arostook

Wednesday Feb 8/62

Dear Uncle Almond

You see that I  
took your advice when I was  
at your place last fall and  
enlisted in the service of  
the United States I am here  
in Augusta 18<sup>th</sup> regt Company  
I got here the 16 of Dec  
and went right into camp  
I have had a bad cough most  
of the time I was on duty about  
two weeks when I first came  
here I have been of over 5 now  
I think my cough is getting  
better I feel better myself  
I can be out sound and  
I have made a practice  
of going to the state house

Feb 8, 1867

Learned Breakfast

The 14th we went away this  
morning at 8 o'clock and  
left as early as we could  
about yesterday they said  
there was a double  
guard set on to keep them  
from coming away and getting  
into the city yesterday <sup>morning</sup> they  
commanded to look these  
things over to check the  
order to insure their return  
at least they said this  
and ~~enforced~~ their order  
soon to their making or  
great trouble about that  
steps being they kept on  
checking and making order  
more they were at a point  
they did not finish saying  
them with most night  
that morning he spoke

Feb 6, 1863

I got a letter from Mary yesterday she said her mother was sick and she was going home

which is near our camp

I have heard a good many discussions in the legislature and one or two speeches in the senate I heard the speech of E. K. Smart & Sweet of Cumberland I love to see sit and hear them talk over matters and things

The war topic seems to be ahead I hear Cary has a bill in the legislature to give those 5 regts & 2 brnny it is hard telling whether it will pass I heard two or three different discussions on it but did not come to a conclusion

There is now 104 in our company there is 13 in the hospital & 14 in quarters sick that is not able to do duty Each company has

6 tents and an officers tent and cook house Each tent 16 men they are 10 feet across and are round we have floors to them Each man has a bed tick a blanket knapsack rubber blanket haversack canteens gun cartridge band cap boxes belts &c also 1 over coat 1 under coat 1 pair pants & pair shirts 1 cap 1 pair shoes 2 pair drawers 2 pair socks so you can imagine how little room we have our tents also a small sheet iron stove in the center the pipe is 3 inch and all riveted to gather it supports the tent have to drill 5 hours a day it is rather easy kind of a life we have beans 3 times a week rice soup 3 times potatoes once in a while and poor at that