# Miscellaneous Articles on the Civil War From the Monroe Sentinel for the Period April, 1861 to October, 1862

(See other documents for specific information on: Capt. Martin Flood's Company Captain Jackson's Company Captain Pinney's Company)

### **April 24, 1861**

George M. O'Brien, Esq., of this place is in Washington and is enrolled in the "Strangers Guards" commanded by Cassius M. Clay.

We are informed that our fellow citizen William H. Peek, Esq., of Jefferson who is a graduate of West Point Military Academy, has been offered the position of lieutenant colonel in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers.

Rev. B.L. Brisbane for some time past pastor of the Baptist Church in this place, has resigned his post, returned to Madison and joined the Governor's Guards and gone to war. The Sabbath before the regiment left he preached in full uniform to his companions in arms.

# July 17, 1861

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers has by its superior physique, drill and good behavior so won the military authorities at Washington that they have placed it in the vanguard of the Grand Army of the U.S. within a few miles of Fairfax Ct. House, Va., and it undoubtedly will be engaged in the first battle. Col. Coon has been relieved from command of this regiment and Lt. Col. W.H. Peek of this county has been promoted to the rank of colonel.

#### July 24, 1861

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, Col. W.H. Peek, were in the lead battle at Bull Run. They formed a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

### August 14, 1861

To The Adjutant General at Washington, D.C. Sir:

H.W. Peek, late Lt. Col., commanding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, tells me he has an opportunity for a commission in the 5<sup>th</sup> Artillery. I have pleasure in giving him this assurance that from my knowledge of him during the past months in command of a volunteer regiment in camp and on the march as well as under fire, I believe him to be well qualified and entitled to the appointment he is asking for.

William T. Sherman

**Brigadier General** 

# October 9, 1861

List of 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers Officers—They are about leaving Camp Randall for Missouri

Colonel R.C. Murphy, St. Croix Falls
Lt. Colonel G.W. Robbins, Madison
Major J.W. Jefferson, Madison
Adjutant E.T. Sprague, Madison
Quartermaster F.L. Billings, Oshkosh
Surgeon S.P. Thornhill, Hudson
1st Assistant Surgeon W. Robbins, Madison
2nd Assistant Surgeon J.E. Murta, Racine
Sgt. Major John Woodward, Eau Claire
Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Noggle, Janesville
Commissary Sergeant A.L. Hungerford, St. Croix Falls
Hospital Steward, James Jackson, Madison

1<sup>st</sup> Principal Musician R.M. Keeley, Janesville

Company A, Waupaca Union Rifles Captain J.B. Redfield; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M.P. Patchin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. E.J. Baker

Company B, Sheboygan Company Independents Captain D.B. Congrey; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John A. Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. C.D. Stephens

Company C, Eau Claire Eagles Captain John Perkins; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Victor Holf; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank McGuire

Company D, Fox Lake Rifles Captain W.H. Dawes; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. B.S. Williams; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. H. Williamson

Company E, Fitchburg Rough and Ready Guards Captain W.C. Young; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Gilbert; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. M.H. McInnes

Company F, Crawford County Volunteers Captain J.H. Greens; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Z. Beach; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James Berry

Company G, Janesville Fire Zouaves Captain William B. Britton; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. L. Munsill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. P.B. Willoughby

Company I, LaCrosse Rifles Captain M.M. Baker; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. A.D. Hichok; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Henry Lathrup

Company K, Racine Co. Volunteers Captain W.P. Lyon; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. A.E. Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James O. Bartlett

# October 16, 1861

Israel Smith, Esq., of Clarno has received a commission to raise a company of volunteers for the war.

Captain Ed. Woodman who has raised a company of young men from Rock County to form a part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, now at Janesville, and who has been here some days past with a view of enlisting a few young men from here wishes us to say that he has been called to camp and if there is any young man who wishes to join he can contact Mr. A.C. Dodge who will receive him and forward him to camp at Janesville.

# October 23, 1861

Colonels of the different regiments which have been and will be organized in this state.

1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Col. Starkweather, Democrat

2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Col. O'Connor, Democrat

3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Col Hamilton, Democrat

4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Col. Paine, Republican

5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Cobb, Republican

6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Cutler, Republican

7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Van Dor, Democrat

8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Murphy, Democrat

9<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Salmon, Republican

10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Chapin, Democrat

11<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Harris, Democrat

12<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Brysan, Republican

13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Malonay, Democrat

14<sup>th</sup> RegimentCol. Heg, Republican

15<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Wood, Republican

16<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Col. Allen, Democrat

17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Offered to John Fitzgerald, Democrat

# Cavalry:

1<sup>st</sup>: Col. Daniels, Republican

2<sup>nd</sup>: Col. Washborne, Republican

3<sup>rd</sup>: Col Burstow, Democrat

# Artillery:

1<sup>st</sup> Col. Annake

The first regiment of infantry which was the only regiment of three months was sent from this state and is now re-organized for the war and will leave Milwaukee probably today for Kentucky.

The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, Regiments of infantry are now in the Army of the Potomac. The 8<sup>th</sup> is in Missouri

The 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> will be ready to leave the state within the next three weeks.

The other three regiments of infantry of which the 14<sup>th</sup> will be composed entirely of Norwegians and the 17<sup>th</sup> of Irishmen will probably be the last regiments of infantry to leave in this state until next spring.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Cavalry is now at Ripon and will soon leave for Missouri. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiments of cavalry are yet to be raised and it seems to us hardly probably they will be successful in getting them into the field before winter sets in; the colonels, however, are men of great energy and they will accomplish it if possible. Of the ten companies of artillery accepted (each company consists of 150 men), 7 companies are now at Camp Utley at Racine and the other three will be there in a few days. These companies of artillery are to be sent to Fortress Monroe and other forts along the line of our operations to be instructed in the artillery practice and to take the place in the fortifications of more experienced artillerists who will then be ordered into the field.

We take pleasure in announcing that our fellow townsman Alfred Wrisberg, Esq., has received a appointment as Lieutenant Colonel of the German Regiment now at camp in Milwaukee.

Captain Hewitt of Albany with twenty men from the Green County Guards which has been assigned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment has been here several days recruiting. Captain Hewitt was a lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment during its three month campaign and if we are not very much deceived in his appearance he will make a superior officer.

### Monroe Sentinel, November 13, 1861

On Friday last, the German Company from New Glarus left this place to join the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment in Milwaukee.

Erastus Porter, Esq., of Clarno has four sons in the Union armies: one from Minnesota, one from Iowa, one from Wisconsin and one from Pennsylvania.

### Monroe Sentinel, December 4, 1861

The following is a list of the Germans from this county who have 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, now bound for Kentucky. But these are not all the Germans who have volunteered from this county. About one hundred Germans have joined the different companies that have been raised here.

John Blumer, Washington Rudolph Blum, Washington Peter Stenssy, New Glarus Edward Buegges, Monroe Karl Ruf, Monroe Gottlieb Lewenberger, Monroe Henry Hoehn, New Glarus Adam Heiz, New Glarus Peter Tschady, New Glarus Michael Galloti, New Glarus

Peter Dish, New Glarus

Joachim Marty, Mt. Pleasant

Fredolin Norder, Mt. Pleasant

Anton Stauffacher, Mt. Pleasant

Jacob Schindler, New Glarus

Paulus Kundert, New Glarus

J. Caspar Luchsinger, New Glarus

Abraham Kundert, musician, New Glarus

Abraham Kunder, musician, New Glarus

George Legler, New Glarus

Rudolph Dubendorfer, New Glarus

John Heiz, New Glarus

Henry Zimerman, New Glarus

Mathian Durst, New Glarus

Jacob Gloor, Monroe

Fredolin Steussy, New Glarus

John Linder, Monroe

Fredolin Blum, Washington

Balth Vogsli, New Glarus

Fredolin Klacy, New Glarus

Samuel Witmer, Washington

Caspar Blum, Washington

David Legley, New Glarus

Henry Schindler, Monroe

Samuel Weismuller, Clarno

Godfried Otiger, Clarno

David Tschabold, Washington

John Gerber, Clarno

J. Stucki, Clarno

John Jost, Clarno

Jacob Ruisser, Clarno

Otto Leissring, Monroe

Peter Vogely, New Glarus

Ulrich Gecher, Clarno

Samuel Lister, Clarno

S. Rufi, Clarno

C. Henni, Clarno

An officer is now in this place recruiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Cavalry which is to form a part of General Lane's brigade. The great majority of our citizens who wish to enlist prefer to serve in this brigade on account of its unequivocal position on the slavery question.

### **December 11, 1861**

Our readers will be glad to learn that for the gallant conduct in the action at Bolivar, Harper's Ferry, Mr. Bryant has again been recommended by the colonel of his regiment for promotion. He entered the service last spring as a private. Shortly after the regiment went into camp at Fon du Lac, he was promoted to sergeant major and he has since been twice promoted upon merit alone. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Watertown Rifles and recently has been recommended by Captain Bertram and has received a commission as lieutenant in the same company.

### **December 18, 1861**

The 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> Regiments of infantry have received orders to report themselves to George Hunter at Ft. Leavenworth. The uniforms and equipment for Col. Barstow's cavalry regiment have arrived at Janesville. Washburn's and Daniels' cavalry regiments are rapidly approaching their full complement of men. The 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Regiments are at Camp Randall, Wisconsin.

#### Letter from John Cainor

The following letter describes some incidents of the march of Fremont's army to Springfield and the return to Tipton and is from a Green County man who is a member of one of the Illinois regiments.

Tipton, Missouri, November 15, 1861

On the 21<sup>st</sup> October we took up our march from this place southward and after five days march we encamped on the banks of the Osage River where we remained one day to rest our men. Two teams were sent back to Tipton for provisions and when we got ready to march, our colonel had to purchase oxen at \$100 per yoke to haul our camp equipage.

On the next day we marched to Mount View where we remained one week waiting for the other divisions to come up, we were ordered to march to Springfield.

Our skirmishing parties which occupied the advance, made frequent captures of Rebels, horses, saddles, bridles, etc. Some of the prisoners were allowed to go on taking the Oath of Allegiance while others were retained and taken to Springfield.

The last sixty miles before we reached Springfield were made in two days and one night with only a few hours rest; towards the latter part of the journey many of the men fell out of the ranks from exhaustion; and all the next day came straggling into camp.

Every house in Springfield is either a hospital or military prison. Among the prisoners taken is Colonel Price, nephew of General Price. One night while I was on picket guard at Springfield we were detailed to surround the house of a Rebel; when morning came we captured him and got a good breakfast. We remained four days in Springfield and then commenced our return to this place; we now have been here four days and have received marching orders for St. Louis.

John Cainor

Last week at Milwaukee the Hon. B. Dunwiddie presented to Lt. Col. Wrissberg in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment on behalf of the citizens of Monroe a fine horse. We hear that Mr. Wrissberg is wining a golden opinion from all connected with the regiment by his superior military knowledge and his gentlemanly conduct.

# Monroe Sentinel, January 8, 1862

Letter from a Jayhawker—Richard Sylvester

#### Dear Editor:

In company with Henry Sylvester, John W. Sylvester and John Eldridge of GreenCounty I left Wisconsin in October last for the purpose of joining the Jayhawkers in Kansas. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of the same month we enlisted in Colonel Jennison's Regiment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas Cavalry at Ft. Leavenworth and I have been able to do duty every day but one since that time.

Sine we joined the regiment we have been three times to Independence, once to Pleasant Hill, five times to Kansas City, twice to West Port and once to Harrisonville, Missouri where I found our old friend Jacob Hefty from Green County who was in great trouble about the performance of the Secesh in that vicinity. We have been back to Leavenworth the second time in order to get our pay from which time I will give you a few of the incidents from our march from our present camp at that place to this.

We struck tents at Camp Herrick near Ft. Leavenworth on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and marched to Wyandot. At that point three companies of cavalry were detached to go to Independence and around through Harrisonville; two companies of infantry were left with the train of supplies which was ordered to come down straight through Kansas and the rest of the command were ordered to scout the country along the Missouri line. I was in the detail which went to Independence. We marched to Independence and camped at the court house. The next morning a slave brought us information of secreted secesh property. We were ordered out immediately on a scout and suddenly came upon fifty Rebels. We killed two of them and the last ran. We captured 75 horses and mules and as much private stocks as we were able to carry off. We brought away with us into freedom 150 slaves and teams enough to haul them.

The next morning we marched for Harrisonville and took all the Secesh stock we could find along the road; we also took seven prisoners and killed one colonel who was just from Price's army with a pass from General Price bearing the date 13<sup>th</sup> December in his picket. Wesley Sylvester captured him. We stayed one night at Harrisonville, cleaned out all the Secesh stocks, loaded all the wagons we could get and started for this place.

We start tomorrow morning for Morristown—a small town north of here—where it is said we shall remain all winter. Abraham Sylvester is here he came today from L.D. Connais and left them all well. The rest of our Green County friends—Elizar Hills and Ed Booth, are in Montgomery's Regiment about twenty miles south of here and are well.

Our command was out on parade today for inspection. I am informed the inspecting officer said that it was the best regiment in the field in his district. We have lost but eight men since we joined the regiment. Colonel Jennison has command of this post; he is greatly respected by all the loyal men and is well liked by all the men of his command. Our regiment numbers 1,240 men. Our Company is 'G' in the Kansas Cavalry Volunteers. We march in the morning so I must close to make preparations. Richard Sylvester.

# Monroe Sentinel, January 15, 1862

The 15<sup>th</sup>, or Scandinavian Regiment is headed by Col. Heg, 700 men and Col. Henj. Allen, 900 men and they are at Camp Randall in readiness for marching orders.

The 17<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Regiment, Corp. J.L. Doran and the 18<sup>th</sup>, Col. James S. Alban have their full number of men in readiness lacking one and are notified to go into camp—the former at Madison and the latter at Milwaukee. These companies are not full but will muster 1,400 men.

Seven companies of artillery numbering together 1,050 men have been at Camp Utley, Racine, waiting to move forward. Three additional companies of artillery are about to go into camp numbering 834 men.

Besides these, the state has furnished an independent company of cavalry, now in Missouri raised by Captain Von Deutsch, 81 men; a company of 101 men for Berdan's Sharpshooters; and an additional company for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of about 80 men.

Three regiments of cavalry:

1<sup>st</sup>, Col. E. Daniels

2<sup>nd</sup>, Col. C.C. Washburn

3<sup>rd</sup>, Col. W.A. Barstow

Are being organized and now number 2,450 men.

The 19<sup>th</sup> (Independent) Regiment is being rapidly organized under the direction of the government by Col. H.T. Sanders at Racine.

The state of Wisconsin has furnished about 20, 108 men.

# March 19, 1862

The following is a listing of the names of the persons enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Cavalry, Colonel Washburne from this county by Benjamin L. Brisbane

A.S. Ames, Monroe

William Chase, Monroe

T.B. Andrews, Monroe

H.T. Tinkman, Monroe

Amos Conkey, York

A Sherman, York William White, York C. (or G.) Sherman, York Harvey Church, Dayton Michael O'Connor, Juda, dead John N. Raymond, Juda Charles Davis, Juda Nathan Almsworth, Juda Ira T. Hummiston, Monticello Elisha C. Mereley, Monticello John Butcher, Clarence Oscar B. Melvin, Brooklyn Andrew Carter, Brooklyn John Holland, Jordan C.M. Sifert, Albany Robert Young, Attica S.D. Chapin, Attica A. Chapin, Attica William Person, Attica, discharged Jas. L. Warner, New Glarus Jas. H. Johnston, New Glarus, discharged Jerod Lee, Brodhead

# Camp Washburne, March 11

Some of the families of the above men must need to be looked after and cared for. The family of S.D. Chapin of Attica, especially. Michael O'Connor has died since he enlisted leaving two small children without a mother or other relatives. One of them is in Monroe near the railroad engine house. The soldiers have received no pay from either the state or the U.S. and some of them none from the county, and we cannot tell from past experience when they will get paid.

Benjamin L. Brisbane

Henry Combs of this place is a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry and who was at the Battle of Fort Donelson, and he arrived home on Saturday evening on a furlough. He escaped injury at Fort Donelson but since has been wounded on a scouting expedition.

#### **April 2, 1862**

The following are the officers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Cavalry which left Janesville for St. Louis on Thursday last.

Col. William A. Barstow Lt. Col. R.H. White Majors S.A. Calkins, B.S. Hening, J.C. Schroelins Adjutant Henry Sandes Quartermaster A.W. Farr Surgeons B. O. Reynolds, W.H. Warner

Assistant Surgeon: Joseph S. Lane

Chaplain: Hiram W. Beers

**Battalions:** 

1<sup>st</sup>: John D. Welch, Adjutant; Isaac Woodle, Quartermaster; W.J. Plows, Sergeant Major; B.W. Keyes, Quartermaster Sergeant; William H. Hayes, Commissary Sergeant

Squadron A

Captain J.D. Dammon, Lieutenants Robert Carpenter and Leonard Morley

Squadron B

Captain John P. Moore, Lieutenants Hugh Calhoun and Henry Goodsell

Squadron E

Captain Ira Justin, Jr., Lieutenants A.M. Pratt and Leonard House

Squadron K

Captain Thomas Derry, Lieutenants C.A. Perry and James Campbell

2<sup>nd</sup>: C.L. Nobble, Adjutant; Francis Quarles, Quartermaster; W.R. Graham, Sergeant Major; Samuel Ryan, Quartermaster Sergeant; C.E. Clark, Commissary Sergeant

Squadron C

Captain E.R. Stavers, Lieutenants Jason Daniels, James B. Pond

Squadron I

Captain Theodore Conkey, Lieutenants Hudson Bacon, Jr. and M.M. Ehle

Squadron F

Captain D.S. Vitum, Lieutenants Asa Wood and Charles O. Ferris

Squadrom M

Captain Henry F. Rouse, Lieutenants William Schmidt and Olof Myers

3<sup>rd</sup>: W.H. Thomas, Adjutant; O.A. Hill, Quartermaster; C.C. Gilbert, Sergeant Major; C.M. Woodworth, Quartermaster Sergeant; G.G. Blodgett, Commissary Sergeant

Squadron D

Captain L.J. Shaw; Lieutenants F.C. Kizer, R.H. Kilborn

Squadron K

Captain Ernst Off, Lieutenants J.P. McDonald, Charles T. Clothier

Squadron H

Captain L. Stont, Lieutenants Julius Geissler, J.W. Van Myers (Transriber's Note: There were no units in this regiment entirely of Green County men, but they were sprinkled throughout. Janesville, in Rock County, was heavily represented in this regiment throughout, especially in Squadron E.)

# **April 9, 1862**

It is said that Alfred Wrisburg of this place has enlisted as a private in Col. Jennison's regiment of cavalry at Lawrence, Kansas which is to form a part of our expedition to New Mexico.

Whereabouts of the Wisconsin Troops:

1<sup>st</sup>—On the march from Columbia to Pittsburg, Tennesses

2<sup>nd</sup> – General McDowell's army, Fredericksburg

3<sup>rd</sup>—General Banks Army, New Market, Va. (Capt Flood's Company)

4th—General Butler's Army, Skip Island

5<sup>th</sup>—General McClellan's Army at Yorktown

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>—General McDowell's army, Fredericksburg

8<sup>th</sup>—General Pope's army, Fort Pillow

9<sup>th</sup>—Ft. Scott

10<sup>th</sup>—General Mitchell's army, northern Alabana

11<sup>th</sup>—General Steel's Division, southeast Missouri

12<sup>th</sup>—Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, going to New Mexico

13<sup>th</sup>—Same as 12<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup>—General Halleck's Army, Pittsburg Landing

15<sup>th</sup>—General Buford's division Mississippi expedition

16<sup>th</sup>—General Halleck's Army, Pittsburg Landing

17<sup>th</sup>—Recently Received marching orders for Cairo

18<sup>th</sup>—General Halleck's Army, Pittsburg Landing (Captain Jackson's Company)

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry—St. Louis

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Batteries at Fortress Monroe

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Batteries in Kentucky

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Batteries in General Pope's army descending the Mississippi (Pinney's Battery was the 5<sup>th</sup>)

9<sup>th</sup>—En route to New Mexico

Where the 8<sup>th</sup> battery is we do not know

The following Wisconsin soldiers died in St. Louis during this week ending Saturday last:

Sam Payne, Company I, 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment

John Farmer, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry

Edwin A. Bliss, Company I, 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Chester H. Smith, Company B, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry

# May 14, 1862

Reverend B.J. Jackson of this place has three sons in the Federal Army.

Kansas Correspondence Camp of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regiments Ft. Riley, Kansas April 29, 1862

A very dark and rainy night found us at midnight taking the cars of the Northern Missouri Railroad at their depot in St. Louis and a short ride brought us to the banks of the Mississippi which was crossed by a steam ferry boat crowded with passengers and luggage. Here we were said to be in the city of St. Charles but the drenching rains and the darkness prevented us from seeing anything and we re-entered the cars and sped into the northern part of the country of many a recent conflict, frequently crossing a rough piece of track which had been torn up by the traitors.

We arrived at St. Joseph in the night after a very slow ride and after an excellent supper we re-entered the cars to about thirty miles below on the Missouri and then we went by the steamer *Des Moines* to the city of Leavenworth. Here we found no Wisconsin soldiers except the 9<sup>th</sup> Battery under the command of Captain Johnson.

We left Leavenworth in the evening for Lawrence. There we found 140 men of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 40 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regiment who were left behind. These regiments had lived the past week at Ft. Riley where I am now writing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry of Kansas is located in Lawrence and in strolling through their camp I found several Green County boys: J.H. Beeker, Joseph Lewellyn, John Cummings, John H. Bowers, Peter Himes. In the city I found our old townsman Lt. Col. Wrisberg. He appears to be enjoying himself and says he is going from here directly to California.

We left Lawrence and traveled a country more rolling, keeping the Kansas River in sight all day. The next night we arrived at Topeka. We found an old friend Mr. Ross (formerly of the Milwaukee Sentinel), now editor of the Topeka State Record.

We re-crossed the Kansas and overtook the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment at the mouth of Cross Creeks and camped for the night. The friendliness reminded me that I was once more at home and that Wisconsin was there. **Among those I have met were Wash Foster, Nelson Cole, Captain Woodman and others from Monroe: Captain Hewitt, Lt. Warren and Lt. Col. Chapman of Albany**. We stayed two miles further up the river at St. Mary's, Missouri.

At Ft. Riley we found the 12<sup>th</sup> encamped and the boys were all happy. Col. Bryant is a success as far as we can determine.

The men of both of these regiments are full of suspense as to their destination. Some are anxious to go to New Mexico and others are equally averse. I know many of them are going to Kansas after the war to settle. There is now so much noise from the jubilant voices of the Wisconsin men jumping and wrestling, playing horse shoes, etc., that I ma driven to stop writing.

# June 11, 1862

List of packages received by B. Dunwiddie from Company C,  $3^{rd}$  Regiment Wisconsin on the  $7^{th}$  for:

Mrs. Mary P. Cook

Mrs. Mary Birmingham

Mrs. Hannah Fuller

Mrs. Sarah Collins

Mrs. B. Bryant

Mrs. E. Ferguson

Mrs. Parmelia Winans

Jonas Shook

**Argulus Loveland** 

Mrs. George Gay

J. Bridge

B.F. Raymond

Jesse Collins

John Stewart

Benjamin Leonard

Robert Witter

Asel Wilcox

Edwin Brown

Chauncey Field

J.B. Stearns

J. Thurlow

J. Borger

J.N. Davis

William Bennet

From Fort Leavenworth:

Package for Miss E. Sparks and Miss L. Loomis

# June 18, 1862

\$20 Reward

Deserted: Philip Rochfort

He enlisted in the county of Green, Wisconsin. He is about six feet tall, sandy hair, and complexion, about 40(?) years of age, very near sighted. He deserted from Company E, 13<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regiment at Ft. Leavenworth on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Robert Hewett

Captain, Company E, 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment

# June 25, 1862

A letter from Leavenworth explains the matter in regard to Philip Rochfort's absence from his company, which was advertised in our last issue by order of Captain Hewitt, as a deserter. Phillip had got outside of the lines for the purpose of visiting the town in a round about way and while he was in the town the steamboat fleet that was to convey the brigade to Cairo came along and his company embarked and left him. The letter states that he has since been doing duty under Captain Barstow and in a few days he was going in company with 70 or 80 others belonging to the brigade who were left behind in Kansas to join his regiment now in Kentucky.

# July 9, 1862

Excerpt from Kansas by Hiram Stevens Camp on Spring River, Kansas, May 21

In my last I gave you a detailed description of our route from Leavenworth to Ft. Scott. There I found Judge Andrick and family. They were very glad to see anyone from Wisconsin especially from Green County. The judge owns two splendid farms near Ft. Scott one of which adjoins the town. He has a beautiful peach orchard on the farm on which he lives about two miles from town. His son, David, owns a drug store in town and is making money rapidly. At Ft. Scott I came across my old friend—Otto Lessring and was called to see him. He is on General Doubleday's staff and was accompanying him to Leavenworth. Otto is universally regarded here among military men as the best officer of his rank in his brigade.

Last Tuesday morning we left Ft. Scott for this place which we reached last Wednesday afternoon. Here we found a number of Green County boys among which were our fellow townsmen Henry Schindler, Lt. Ruegger Leuenberger and several from New Glarus and Clarno. They appear to be happy and contented. Hiram Stevens

### June 23, 1862

William Van Horn of Cadiz, in this county, aged 66, came to town yesterday to offer himself as a recruit in the service of his country. There is also in this place a man who is 65 who declares his determination to pass the exam of the U.S. Mustering Office.

### August 13, 1862

Hiram Stevens gives notice in our advertising column that he has been authorized to raise a military company in this county and that those who desire to enlist can do so by calling at the office of Joseph Peters or Lewis Rote in the Court House. Mr. Stevens has been in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment ever since it left this state and is well versed in military matters. As he is an old resident of Monroe and known to nearly all the people of this county, we need not recommend him to their confidence.

### August 20, 1862

Recruiting continues to go on briskly in our county. Captain Stevenson has availed himself of the extension of time to the 22<sup>nd</sup> to fill up the company which he had started and we learn he now has about 90 men and more still coming in. The Juda Company under Rev. L. Parkins numbers 109 and with a man at its head whose motto is "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon". The Albany company we have not heard from yet during the past week but it is said that it is half full and rapidly filling.

# August 27, 1862

Captain Bintliff's Company 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers

Captain James Bintliff

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas H. Eaton

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Fluette Annis

Orderly Sgt. Nelson Darling

2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. Charles A. Booth

3<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. Stephen F. Hall

4<sup>th</sup> Sgt. W.S. Cole

5<sup>th</sup> Sgt. William W. King

1<sup>st</sup> Corp. C.R. Denison

2<sup>nd</sup> Corp. Leopold Seltzer

3<sup>rd</sup> Corp. Aaron H. McCracken

4<sup>th</sup> Corp. Myron H. Puffer

5<sup>th</sup> Corp. Emmet F. Phelps

6<sup>th</sup> Corp. Edward Aldinger

7<sup>th</sup> Corp. A.H. Cole

8<sup>th</sup> Corp. William J. Witham

**Privates:** 

Allan Gideon

Andrew Arnot

Golac(?) Anderson

Isaac R. Blake

William D. Bennett

Israel Brewer-Teamster

Ira M. Barrus

William Cox

N.E. Combs

W.H. Canfield

Isaac T. Carr

H.I. Cunningham

George Crooks

Josiah Clause

Samuel Damen

John Denny

Eben I. Dorman

John C. Denniston

Abner Darling

William A. Divan

Ole Ericksen

Klause Ericksen

Ole Enderson

Madison H. Fleek

Nathan C. Gould

P.E. Gleason

Thomas Gray

Edwin Gardner

Timothy Gray

John R. Gates

Alonzo H. Griffin

Nels Gallexson

Hans Gulbrandson

Daniel Gradel

W.H. Holmes

M.J. Hancock

William Hinman

William J. Hunt

Amos G. Hill

Orin J. Hale

Halber Halberson

Steuer Hanson

Thomas Iverson

Jesse Jackson

J.J.C. Jackson

John Johnson

Hozel Johnson

R.R. King

Z.L. King

Henry Knor

Ole Kittelson

Adolph Kerner

Knut A. Knutson

James R. Lafferty

Carroll Morgan

James S. Moon

James McConnell

John McConnell

Lars Meikelson

Eli Michael

Edward Nelson

John D. Presher

**Thomas Proctor** 

Marvin L. Rhines Henry Roberts Michael Rims George Robinson Ole Ronelson M.H. Sisson A.C. Squires Christopher Syverson James I. Snyder **Enoch South** Absolom Saucerman Soloman Shrake H.L. Sowls Christ. Tochterman Christopher Tree William N. Taft Aaron Worley Benjamin F. Wright Chaney Ward S.J. Wetzler Brennan G. Zum

# Monroe Sentinel, Aug. 27, 1862

Early on Monday morning, an immense crowd of people assembled in the public square to take leave of their friends in Captain Bintliff's company which was to leave for camp at 8:00. The company formed in front of McKey's Hall at 7:15 and after answering to their names they were marched to the depot where a special train was waiting for them. Their friends accompanied them to the cars, unwilling to leave them until compelled by necessity. The parting scenes were very affecting—not that many tears were shed but firmly compressed lips and quivering nerves of the face showed emotions deep and sacred. The Monroe Brass Band was present and played a solemn farewell air as the cars moved slowly off. The company goes to camp at Racine by way of Milwaukee.

### September 3, 1862

Captain Stevenson's company is still stopping in town passing a portion of each day drilling. They are to be in the 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment and will go into camp at Prairie du Chien as soon as provision can be made for their accommodation.

It gives us pleasure to record that our townsman E. (or F.) H. West has been commissioned as lieutenant colonel of the 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment which is made up of companies from Crawford, Grant, Iowa, LaFayette, and Green Counties and goes into camp at Prairie du Chien. Mr. West will fill the position given to him with credit to himself and honor to his country.

A list of the volunteers enlisted by R.B. Stephenson and N.B. Treat.

Note: \* denotes married men

Captain R.B. Stephenson\*, Cadiz

Lt. N.B. Treat (cannot tell if there is an \* here), Monroe

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas Beatie

Yost Hesley\*, Monroe

William Robinson, Monroe

John Campbell\*, Monroe

George U. Blaisdell\*, Wayne

Edmund Atkins\*, Wayne

Benjamin F. Able, Wayne

Charles E. Blaisdell, Wayne

William E. Blaisdell, Wayne

John C. Blaisdell, Wayne

Charles Burdick, Wayne

Peter Better, Clarno

Nelson Bussey\*, Spring Grove

James E. Bahson\*, Wayne

Frank H. Brackett, Wayne

William S. Bloom, Monroe

John D. Beebe\*, Monroe

Isaac N. Bridge\*, Jefferson

Cornelius V. Bridge\*, Spring Grove

Lyman T. Clark, Monroe

Allen J. Canfield\*, Wayne

John B. Case\*, Wayne

Josiah Davis\*, Cadiz

J. Detting, Fox Lake, Dodge Co.

William Entriken, Wayne

Thomas Ellison, Cadiz

Turner Emerson, Monroe

Darius Eastman\*, Wayne

Conrad Elmer, Monroe

Cassius Eastman, Wayne

Samuel Emerick\*, Monroe

Albert Engler, New Glarus

William Farley\*, Monroe

William T. Folsom\*, Monroe

Peter Garber\*, Clarno

Domenick Glaus\*, Jefferson

George A. Grokin\*, Wayne

Hermen E. Gloege, Clarno

Jacob Garber\*, Clarno

Andrew Huntley\*, Wayne

Frederick Heer, Monroe

William J. Honeycomb, Shullsburg

Josiah Hover\*, Wayne

Nicholas Hoffer\*, Jefferson

Steven R. Hogans\*, Monroe

John W. Hoylands\*, Argyle

Joseph Isinger\*, Clarno

William M. Jones\*, Cadiz

Jon Johnson, Wiota

Carpenter Johnson, Wayne

Urias Kile, Monroe

Edward Keras, Wayne

Richard Murfit\*, Wayne

Richard Mansley, Monroe

James N. Morrison\*, Clarno

Frank M. McCrillis\*, Wayne

Anthony E. McKnight\*, Wayne

John Y. McKnight\*, Wayne

James McBride, Monroe

George W. Nobles\*, Monroe

Edward Morris\*, Gratiot

William Osborn, Monroe

Jonathan W. Parks\*, Wayne

John H. Pinney, Wayne

Henry Pitman, Cadiz

John Peterson, Wayne

John L. Rood, Wayne

John M. Runyan\*, Wayne

Jesse Raymer, Cadiz

Rudolph Staffwalker, Mt. Pleasant

George F. Schroyer, Jordan

David M. Stevenson, Spring Grove

Daniel Strader\*, Cadiz

Jacob Schuler, Monroe

Ulrich Summer, Monroe

Jost T. Stephens\*, Monroe

Casper Snider, Monroe

William P. Snyder, Wayne

Eli Sheard, Wayne

Joseph Staffwalker, Mt. Pleasant

Jacob Staffwalker, Mt. Pleasant

John Thomas, Monroe

James H. Vanwagenen, Monroe

Thomas Virtue, Jr., Monroe

Samuel Virtue, Monroe

Nathan H. Verley\*, Wayne

George L. Verley\*, Wayne

Frank M. Verley\*, Wayne
Eastman C. Webster, Wayne
Horace G. Wolfe, Mt. Pleasant
Ira Winslow\*, Cadiz
Charles A. Weed, Jordan
John Welden\*, Cadiz
August Weber\*, Monroe
Thomas Wells\*, Clarno

In the original list of Captain Bintliff's company the name of Matthias Adair was omitted and after the company had left this place James Adair, a very worthy young man (who has before been in service) and a son Matthias Adair, joined it and was sworn in after they arrived in camp.

Quite a number in Captain Bintliff's company have visited their homes during the past week including Lts. Eaton and Annis. The captain is expected today. We learn that since the company has left Monroe they have discharged three men for disability—William D. Bennett, James P. Lafferty, and C.R. Denniston. They have also enlisted from Caledonia, Racine County, a little drummer boy named William M. Martin, only 15 years of age.

# **September 17, 1862**

A funeral sermon on the death of Lt. Smith will be preached in the M.E. Church next Sabbath at 10:30.

Six regiments of the new levy have left this state or will leave shortly. The  $20^{th}$  left for St. Louis about two weeks ago; on the  $5^{th}$  inst., the  $21^{st}$  left for the same place; on Thursday last the  $23^{rd}$  ditto; on Sunday the  $22^{nd}$  was to have left for Cincinnati and the  $25^{th}$  for the same place tomorrow.

### **September 23, 1862**

A letter from Captain Bintliff dated Saturday morning Sept. 20 states that they were to leave Cincinnati for Louisville that day. He wishes to give us notice that all letters intended for members of his company should be addressed to "Care of Captain Bintliff, Company G, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers, Cincinnati, Ohio" and they will be forwarded.

Many sad hearts and tearful feelings were contained yesterday morning as another band of heroes under Captain Stevenson went forth from among us to labor in freedom's vineyard. A large proportion of them wee men who leave families behind them and the sad picture presented by their separation and suffering would make the most uninteresting spectator inquire "where will this thing end". Already our little county has sent out 1,000 men to this war and another company is being raised in this village by Captain George D. Rogers for the same regiment as the one which has just left us—the 31<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin.

### October 1, 1862

We understand that E.T. Gardner, Esq., has received a letter from his son (who is a lieutenant in Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment) since the recent battle in Maryland stating that their regiment was severely cut to pieces. Company C brought but six sound men out of the battle.

Captain Bintliff's company of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment is at Covington, Ky., across the river from Cincinnati—not having gone to Louisville as expected last week.

Rev. Mr. Weirich, pastor of the M.E. Church in this village has been elected chaplain of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment which is now in Kentucky. He will probably leave for camp next week. He has been in this place over a year and leaves a host of friends who regret his departure.

# October 22, 1862

A letter received from Capt. Bintliff by his family on Monday evening, Oct. 12 states that they were marching southward and had left Williamstown about forty miles from Cincinnati. The members of his company were enjoying general good health. As this letter was written four days after the Battle of Perryville, our readers will see that the rumor of Captain Bintliff's being killed in that battle has no foundation. The dead man was a Captain Bentley of the 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment.