

direct your
to letter to camp
sigel col Whitaker
regiment car of capt
lee

is with pleasure
that I try to write to
you all this morning
but I ought to ~~if~~
have written sooner but
I have been putting it
off ~~and~~ and I hear
about that clock
after a tramp of about
three miles through the
mud and rain I had nothing
of importance only that
we are all well and are
in camp hear about
seven hundred men now.

then over these dutch
~~camp~~ companies to join
us at Louisville
write soon as you
get this and
give me all
of the news
give my love
to all of my dear
friends that may
inquire after me

write soon
your Stephen
& Mrs. S. Mount
Camp. Siegel

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| <p>It is with pleasure that I try to write to you all this morning but I aught to of hav written soone but I hav bin putting it off any wee got hear about three oclok after a tramp of about three miles though the mud and rain I hav nothing of importance only that wee ar all well wee hav in camp hear about seven hundred men now</p> <p>ther wer those dutch compa comppany to join us at Louisville write soon as you get this and giv me all of the nuse give my love to all of my frin frinds that may inquire after me</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">write soon your Nephew Amos G. Mount camp Siegel</p> <p>direct your Hleter to camp Siegel col Whitaker regiment car of capt lee</p> | <p>No mention of Dutch company, perhaps Mount confused dutch for German because many of the Germans enlisted did not speak English. [Theiss]</p> <p>At Camp Sigel, Capt. Lee's company B and the other companies of the 6th were combined with three companies formed from German speaking recruits from Louisville. These recruits originally enlisted to form the 1st German Kentucky Regiment. Neither unit was large enough to form a regiment on its own. Surely the word "dutch" as used here, is the anglicized Deutsch, meaning German.</p> <p>This letter was surely written in late October or early November 1861 when these units were being combined. [Keys]</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> Reinhart, Joseph R., <i>A History of the 6th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry U.S.</i>, pg 9-16, Beargrass Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2000.</p> |