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Yellow Springs, April 22.

Dear Son

We received yours
of the 12th and 14th yesterday
and hasten to answer them
I expect it was a grand sight
to see your Review Oh how I would
like to have been there it must
have been a grand sight to so many
on parade and their bright weapons
glittering in the sunlight, and
then on the other hand how sad
to think those splendid fellows
will have to go into battle and
be a target for the Enemy, to shoot
at. The papers say there ^{is} fighting
going on now at Kelly's Ford but
the news was taken from the Richmond
Enquirer and it may not be true. I
hope you have not been sent there
well I have heard from that Note

again they say they will take
the face of the Note and cost of
collection which will be \$112.

I did not agree to do so until I
consulted a Lawyer I consulted
Barlow of Xenia he is said to be the
best one there he advised me to pay
it. he said I could stave it off
by paying a small sum yearly
during my lifetime but in the end
it would have to be paid both principle
and interest so I thought we had
better pay it and be done with it
I never had any thing to worry me
so in all my life if I had Money of
my own to pay it with I would not
feel so bad. but to have to take your
hard earned Money to pay it with
I feel as though it would almost
kill me. well we have heard the
story about Jo Badger it is said
that he did get drunk and
the Lieut. Col. drew his sword

and cut off his Shoulder straps
and reduced him to the ranks
and Jo laid in a complaint against
him for abuse and the L.C. was
Court Martialed and Jo was restored
to his command. I give it to you
just as I heard it. yes the 44th
begin to learn what what war is
in reality. we received box of you
sent by Serjt. Patterson thanks you
we prize them very highly. you
say you have plessant weather well
we have had but very few pleasant
days this Spring to day we are
having a cold disagreeable drizzling rain
there is a fine prospect for fruit
the peach trees are almost in bloom
we have made a little garden we
have planted some Potatoes and
Pease and Radishes we intended
making more to day if it had not
rained I hope you will get to
come home this Summer tell

the Boys from the Springs
their friends are all well
tell John Ginn his Mother was
here last night they are all
well and she will write to him
shortly. I sincerely hope that
poor fellow will be pardoned
for sleeping on his post. it seems
very cruel to shoot an Man for
going to sleep when they ^{are} worn out
with fatigue I have never been afraid
that you would desert but I have
been afraid you would drop to sleep
sometime when you was very tired
if you eve get so sleepy that you cant
keep awake take a little Cayenne
pepper in your mouth and that
will be a shure presentative. the
receipt is in Frank Lesley we will
mark it I will put a few pods
in this letter. the Money came
safe. write soon as ever your Mother

C Sadley