

*E. H. Bassett — In the Artillery*

the A.M. and might have started home if the transportation had been ready. I went to the New Theatre in the eve. and saw the 'Hidden Hand,' played. Will start for home sometime tomorrow.

Sept. 28th, was a pleasant day. We started from Nashville and crossed the river and lay there near Edgeville until 4 P.M., when we started and run about fifty miles that night. On the road between Nashville and Louisville. Sept. 29th, 1865. We reached Louisville about sundown, and crossed over to Jeffersonville, Ind. Crossed by ferry. Boarded the cars for Indianapolis, starting at 9 oclock. Reached Indianapolis about 9 A.M. where we get some breakfast and started for Chicago. Changed cars at Kokomo, and run all night.

Oct. 1st we reached Chicago about 10 A.M. Changed cars again and run on to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, arriving there about sunrise. We boarded the Steamer Key City here and started up river. We made it as far as Hastings, where we layed over all night. Left Hastings about 8 A.M. and run up to St. Paul, where we arrived about noon. The people had made plans to give us a grand reception. We marched up to the State Capitol, where the ladies had tables loaded with all kinds of eatibles. We were invited to walk in and help ourselves, which we did. Everything was done to make the occasion one to be remembered. After dinner we marched down to the boat, boarded it, and steamed to Fort Snelling. We camped about two miles from the Fort.

On Monday Oct. 11th, 1865. We were paid off and discharged. I went over to Mendota and stayed over night. The next day I took the ten oclock train for Northfield and arrived there about two P.M. Here I took the Stage to Faribault and put up at the National House.

Wed. Oct. 13th. I arrived at home about noon. There seems to be a good deal of business going on, but it is among those who have something to "DO with." I have no particular business and dont feel inclined to work hard, and it is pretty dull here. On the 16th I went to Faribault to try and find something that I can do. The time drags heavily with me, as I feel no interest whatever in the business of the Country. There is plenty of hard work to be done, if I felt inclined to do it. I haveworked hard and got no pay for it. I have decided to try for something better.

Oct. 17th. It is raining and dreary. I have a notion to buy a lot