

gave the Command, prepare to
play leap frog repeat leap. and
such a game of leap frog you
never saw Imagine 800 men
in a string hopping over each
other like so many monkeys
I thought the Old General whose
quarters look out on our Parade
ground would split his sides
laughing. after it had went
all through the line the Col
called a halt formed a square
he then told the men he was
going to give them a Holiday
he put them on their good Conduct
and told them they could all the
freedom of the camp everybody
might be Officers all day long
if they wanted to be. the gen
sent out a Box of lemons. the
boys found out that they waent
enough so created the Mag and
Lieut Col and put them in

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Dear Brother

It has been some
time since I have heard from
you. but I hope this will
find you as well as it leaves
me. I never enjoyed better health
in my life than I now do
there is no news of any
moment here at present the
weather is hot and sultry
about the same as it is in
mich in July. it makes
the boys sweat to drill. but
there is not much sickness
in the Regt- which I think
is owing a great deal to the
management of our new Surg-
con. he makes the men take
better care of themselves and
keep themselves cleaner and has