

The weather has been fine most of the  
time since we have been here though  
there has been a good many showers  
but no long storms it rained last  
night and night before. The ground  
gets muddy very quick and gets  
dry fast as soon. Its so muddy  
this morning there is no drill so  
I improve the time writing in

Buds are getting quite large on the  
oaks and some of the earlier kinds are  
getting green. grass is up so that cattle  
can get a good bite. We have preaching  
each Sunday by the chaplain the  
Rev Mr. Dummer. The Reg is marched  
to an old building on the fairground  
which we use as a church he is a  
very good preacher. I have written  
all of news. so I will close give my  
respects to all of the friends give them  
a good shaking for me and try and not  
have the blues Write soon and believe me  
as ever your son William

## The Star of Destiny.



Benton Barracks  
St Louis Tuesday Apr 30<sup>th</sup>  
1862  
Dear Father.

Your letter  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> came duly to  
hand. I was glad to hear  
that the folks were well  
and that the money got through  
safe. I shall have no objections  
to your raising some of the money  
if needfull. I am well at present  
hoping these lines will find all  
of the folks enjoying the same  
blessing. I received your letter  
containing the dollar the next  
day after I wrote my last letter  
I had began to think that the  
had been opened on account of  
there being money in it.  
You speak about having the blues