



THE WIND FOR THE UNION

Cape Girardeau Mo May 2^d

Dear Father

I take the this
the first leisure time to
inform you of our removal from Camp
Benton. We started quite suddenly the
28th. We expected to go some days but did
not know where or when ^{until} the
day we started, it was noon then before
^{you} knew it was twelve o'clock.
before we got started that night it was
about noon when we reached the Cape so that
I had some time to see the country which
is nearly all a wilderness along the river
what houses there was were few conveniences
and generally in the water the river being
very high. Only the first Battalion
came the first day with the exception of
Co B of the 3^d Battn the 1st is less A G D M