

Direct to the Cape

Kenneth Dunklin Mo May 31st
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Dear Father

I thought I would write once more though I do not know when I shall have a chance to send it to the Cape so that it will reach you. I answered your letter of May 11th the 18th while I was at Bloomfield. I will give a statement of what has transpired since we left the Cape so that if the other letter does not reach you will know what I have been about.

We left the Cape the 9th and got to Bloomfield the 11th the 50 miles from the Cape the next morning we started on a tramp after the rebels rode through ^{express} swam and marshes until 3 in the afternoon when we stoped and fed we found no rebels it was nearly dark when we started ~~our~~ camp we reached it about 11 o'clock the next day Co. I went in two parties I went with the Capt we was gone two days took 14 prisoners 6 guns and ammunition and other traps it was quite amusing to see the rebels try and beg off but we had a guide that knew all of them and what they had been about.

The same day we got back an expedition started for Shark Bluffs about 35 miles south some of the Co started in the afternoon Co. I was ordered to send 20 men at night I was not of the party the Co that started first got there