

Kenneth Franklin to Mo
June 17th 1862

Dear Father

As there is a chance to send letters through to the Cape I make haste to scribble a few lines to you to let you know that I am well and still kicking. Hoping these ^{lines} if they ever reach you will find you and the rest of the folks the same.

The movement. We are still at Kennett watching the movements of the people of in this section of country. Things remain quiet and I guess there will be no more trouble in this part of the country even if we should leave which I think is very before long. There is some rumors about Jeff Thompson and Bill Jefferies collecting a force in Arkansas to come and give us a chance to burn some powder but it is not credited. Let them come if they want to we are ready for them. There is one Co at Hornersville guarding the captured steamer and about 500 more on west prairie and chalk bluffs the route that Thompson and Jefferies will have to come if they intend to make us a visit. There is about 200 more Bloomfield and in that section Company M. has been back to the Cape to guard the place our tents have been taken down and packed away and the parts of Companies that have been there have come and joined this Companies. 2 Majors Ed Newton about a dozen of our boys that have been at the Cape, have joined us this week. La Mafos Lagrange is here he came last night he says we are all to go upon west prairie there to join our Batt all in get payed then go to some other part of the country. The Colonel is at the Cape he has been to Cairo and as far down the river a Ft Pillow to see about the ^{being in} captured boat around to the Cape.

The is very pleasant fruit warm enough to be comfortable