

Hoboken N J
b April 28th 1861

Dear Del

Pray ! tell me the reason of your long long delay in writing! If you have seen fit to discard me entirely why not say so ! bid me good bye-- It isn't as was that I have done any thing of late so crimnal as to cause you thus coldly to blot me out of the book of remeberance, but if I have you do wrong to boath your self and me to not mention it. Have you gone South to lend a helping hand to quiet this great Rebellion? If so Ive not a word to say--- for sooner or leter your humble servt may go for I believe it is a cause in which duty calls. But I dont think you have gone. Though if you have not why dont you write to a fellow? What in the world are you getting in to your noodle? if any thing other than I am one of your best friends tell me where you got it. I have thought you were intending to come down was the reason I did not hear from you. I am not very busy at present. This great war excitement Muddles me badly. Were it not for that I should do quite a biz

Yours truly
R F BOWDISH

(Notes. Bowdish owned his own photographie studio at Hoboken. He was famed for inventing the first sensitized glass plates. He was a Combat Photographer in the Civil War and today his plates show all phases of the 'Great Rebellion' He was also Del'S brother-in-law).

Dear Brother

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The War excitement is as warm as ever. A volunteer company leaves here to-morrow for Albany. Among which are your friends. Leonard Dorg, and George Ward: Besides the two Bate-mans, Harry Wheeler, Luke Jones, Cephas Wood, ChasMuller, and a host of others, I do not remember who all, but between sixty and seventy of them, and the company will be filled out when t they get to Albany. A Company of seventy came from Lowville last night and are going with them.

Johnny Kirchner enlisted, and now the little fool has ran away, but an officer will bring him up standing pretty soon. Bert Ballon has enlisted over again, and swears that he will go if he has to run away.

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Your Sister

Linnie