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Army Correspondence.

Camp Dick Robinson, KY.,
April 19th, 1863.

Dear Spy: — We are pleasantly encamped at this place, one of the most beautiful spots in the world — We enjoy ourselves highly. Gen. Welsh arrived from home last Monday, and assumed command of the 1st Division 9th army corps. He is also Military General of the District lying between Lexington and Stanford—no doubt he will look sharp after the sympathizers of this region. We are all enjoying good health (Company B, ditto). Our company, “K,” has been detached from the regiment, and is doing duty at Division Head Quarters as Provost guard. We do for the General what Hollingsworth Derrick, Waites & Co., did for the Blue Front. Sergt. Kweh and party have just returned from Lexington, whither they conducted some twenty prisoners, arrested for various crimes; such as uttering counterfeit postage currency, selling whiskey to soldiers—*a la Sullivan*—&c. A few were deserters and some were captured Rebel soldiers.

Alas! two of company K have deserted: Jo. McLane and Samuel Cohick. McLane is from Washington, B. C., [sic] constable &c. Cohick was a Drytown Alderman, or some such dignitary—It was impossible for this pair to march past the Bourbon Distilleries; they charged on old Bourbon and were lost. They were both fond of the critter. We hope they will never return.

We were visited yesterday by the young ladies of “Caldwell Institute,” at Danville, six miles from here. About forty of them came in a large wagon, prepared purposely. It did us good to see them; and to see their waving handkerchiefs and Union Flags made our caps jump from our heads. If my hard-hearted “Zoo Zoo” friend could only have been there I think he too, would have lost a little of his love for the beauties of the Army of the Potomac. Still the “girl I left behind” was not there. I will write more next week.

Andrew Hosstetter who has been absent sick for a long time, joined us a few days ago: he is right well and delighted to get back to his command.

Address, Company K, Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers, via Lexington, Ky. Letters properly addressed reach us in three days.

[signed]
“45.”

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FISH.—See Saml. Arms’ advertisement of the “Old Mullet Factory” which is now open for the season, running full handed and turning out plenty of No. 1 fish. Give him a call.



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THE NATIONAL FAST.—Thursday was strictly observed as recommended by the President, as a day of fasting and humiliation. Business was entirely suspended in town, and the churches were generally opened for service. The Methodist and Presbyterian congregations united—attending service in the Presbyterian church in the morning, and in the Methodist church in the evening.

INFORMATION WANTED.—On Sunday, April 12th, Thomas Ferguson, better known as Thomas Divit, a boy of twelve years, about four feet four inches high, black eyes and black hair, speaking both English and German, dressed in light knit jacket, brown trousers and blue shirt, left his home in Newtown in this county, and has not since been heard from. Any one knowing of his whereabouts is requested to communicate with John Divit, Newtown, Rapho township, Lancaster county. County papers please notice.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY.—This Company is doing a large and increasing business. It appears from the books that during the month of April it issued one hundred and eighty policies, insuring property to the amount of \$139,983 45 being much the largest business ever done by the Company in a single month. The Company has insured property to the amount of \$1,761,230 68, and holds premium notes to the amount of \$184,180 45, which place it on as strong a basis as any similar institution in Pennsylvania. This is the fourth year since it organized and as no comments from us as to the management of the company will be as satisfactory to the public as the result of its business, we deem it sufficient to state the fact that during its entire existence the Directors have levied but one small assessment of three per cent. on its premium notes.

SUDDEN DEATH—On Tuesday morning it was discovered that a raftman named William Campbell, had died during the previous night, on a raft lying at one of our wharves, where he had been lodging. A jury was [summoned] by Deputy Coroner Hunter, and after ascertaining all the facts [____ed] with the case a verdict was returned of [“Death] by visitation of God.”—The fees allowed by the county for burial only sufficing for interment in Potters Field, the Deputy Coroner and members of the Jury liberally contributed their fees towards funeral expenses. A good [coffin]
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Scope and Content Note:

"Army Correspondence." Camp Dick Robinson, Kentucky, 19 April 1863. News of General Welsh and the 45th Pennsylvania Infantry, Company K. The ladies of the Caldwell Institute in Danville, Kentucky visited Company K. A mailing address is provided. Other articles are about the National Fast and how that was carried out in Columbia; a missing boy named Thomas



Ferguson, a.k.a. Thomas Divit; Columbia Insurance Company; and the death of William Campbell. Section of The Columbia Spy. 1863.

