Messer, George, 1833-1863 (SC 3332)

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid
Part of the Military History Commons, and the United States History Commons

Recommended Citation
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/4577
Letters of George Messer to his wife Lottie, written while serving with the 107th Illinois Infantry. Writing on 7-9 December 1862 from Camp Waller near Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where part of his regiment is guarding the railroad, he describes the camp and includes a sketch; he also writes of two desertions, of procuring some fresh meat, of an officer who has contracted a venereal disease, and of the local populace who he finds “at least one half century behind the times.” In a letter of 25 July 1863 written from Fort Boyle near Colesburg, Kentucky, he complains of the hospital facilities and hopes that illness will allow him to ride rather than walk during an expected march to Lebanon, Kentucky.