



Abraham ("Abe") Miller
Crumbecker

Camp Douglas Illinois Nov 9th 1862

My dear Nips,

Yours of the 5th was received yesterday, which
gives me well. Nothing unusual has happened here since I last
wrote you. I do not see that the condition of our Regiment
is any better than when I last wrote you provided we should
be mustered out of the service. You need give yourself no
uncertainty about my joining any company until I first
consult the judgment of my better half. If I ever go into
active service again I would prefer to go with the old Regt
and I know if we were exchanged tomorrow we could
get ready for service in time to do any good that
might be done. The matter is a point of honor to you
You may not assured I will be at home before I again
go into active service. And if mustered out (to stay)
We have beautiful weather here as ever and ever I saw
We have heard that we were to be moved to Mansfield
I wish it was true, then I could come home often previous
we remained here this winter but I need not speculate
but must wait for time to decide which I think will
be before long. I almost imagine myself at home sitting
by our Parlor (of an evening) eating apples with my dear
little family around me and thank heaven before long I will.
I let you what time Angel alone every slowly how for me my
only solid comfort is the pleasure I have of thinking of home
and family, which occupies the greater part of my time
while I am writing I hear the band playing for the
107 Illinois Regiment which had been just organized
and are appointed for the best of men and of
are added daily to the Army we now have a tremendous
Army, and more going daily, the Soldiers all
appear in good spirits. Since I have commenced
writing this letter about 40 more men from our
Regiment have started home from our Company

Efforts are being made in some instances are being
made to bring back the men that have deserted with
what success they will meet remains to be told our
Regiment now only numbers about 300 men all told
and I actually believe will not number over
200 in any other week. You wrote me I should
be careful and not let Gen. Winner whip me.
Well as for that I have no fears in the first place
I do not believe he wants to at least he has never
intimated any such thing to me and knows enough
not to, and in the second place could not do so
provided he felt disposed to try. My dear you
must give yourself no uncertainty about that
or any reports you may hear I am fully competent
to take care of myself on all occasions and under
all circumstances. I know my rights and dare main-
tain them at all times & do not think I have an enemy
here at this time. I have received a letter from
Lieut. Heston, he says he is doing fine and thinks
he will be able to come home in 3 or 4 weeks.
But I suppose he will not have as pleasant times
at the Dth as he had when at home the last time
you know what Gen. Culp told me, when I come I
can tell you all about the Nancy Ann Affair,
well I will have so much to tell you I will
hardly know where to commence. Oh how I
wish I were at home tonight I think I would
be the happiest mortal living, but it is now
11 o'clock and I must close, by bidding you
a good night and God bless you, your ever for life
A. M. Cumberaker

I think the cost of postage
for you and I will soon begin to
make Uncle Sam rich, don't you
amc write soon

Camp Douglas, Illinois

November 9, 1862

My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 5th was received yesterday which finds me well. Nothing unusual has happened here since I last wrote you. I do not see that the condition of our Regiment is any better than when I last wrote you provided we should be mustered out of the service. You need not give yourself no uneasiness about my joining any company until I first consult the judgment of my better half. If I ever go into active service again, I would prefer to go with the Old Regiment and I know if we are exchanged tomorrow, we could get ready for service in time to do any good this winter so let the matter be disposed of either way. You may rest assured I will be at home before I again go into active service, and if mustered out to stay.

We have beautiful weather here—as nice as ever I saw. We have heard that we were to be moved to Mansfield, Ohio. I wish it were true. Then I could come home often provided we remained there this winter. But I need not speculate but must wait for time to decide which I think will be before long. I almost imagine myself at home sitting by our parlor stove (of an evening) eating apples with my dear little family around me, and thank heaven before long I will. I tell you what, time drags along very slowly here for me. My only solid comfort is the pleasure I have of thinking of home and family which occupies the greater part of my time. While I am writing, I hear the band playing for the 127th Illinois Regiment which has been just organized and are departing for the seat of war. New regiments are added daily to the army We now have a tremendous army and more going daily. The soldiers all appear in good spirits. Since I have commenced writing this letter, about 40 more men from our regiment have started home—none from our company.

Efforts are being made in some instances to bring back the men that have deserted. With what success they will meet remains to be told. Our Regiment now only numbers about 300 men all told and I actually believe will not number over 200 in another week. You wrote me I should be careful and not let Dan Weisner whip me. Well as for that, I have no fears. In the first place, I do not believe he wants to—at least he has never intimated any such thing to me and knows enough not to, and in the second place, could not do so provided he felt disposed to try. My dear, you must give yourself no uneasiness about that or any reports you may hear. I am fully competent to take care of myself on all occasions and under all circumstances. I know my rights and dare maintain them at all times & do not believe I have an enemy here at this time.

I have received a letter from Lieut. Hostetter. He says he is doing fine and thinks he will be able to come home in 3 or 4 weeks but I suppose he will not have as pleasant times at the Drs. as he had when at home the last time from what George Culp told me. When I come, I can tell you all about the Nancy Ann affair.

Well, I will have so much to tell you I will hardly know where to commence. Oh, how I wish I were at home tonight. I think I would be the happiest mortal living. But it is now 11 o'clock and I must close by bidding you a good night and God bless you.

Your own for life, — A. M. Crumbecker

I think the amount of postage for you and I will soon begin to make Sam rich, don't you? Write soon. — A. M. C.

Bio of Abraham (“Abe”) Miller Crumbecker

Born in 1829 he is the son of Isaac & Hannah Crumbecker of Carroll county, Ohio. Abe was married in 1853 to Mary C. Eakin but after her death, he remarried Hannah Pennock (1837-1914).

At age 32, Abe enlisted in August 1861 in Co. A, 32nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI). He was immediately commissioned the 1st Lieutenant of Co. A and rose in rank to Captain by 15 March 1862. In January 1863, he was promoted to Major of the regiment, which rank he held at the time he mustered out of the service in July 1865. Abe passed away in 1899.