

(For Joe Combs)

Montpelier Oct - 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Father

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you. I am well and enjoy soldiers life very well so far plenty to eat and that which is good -

We organized our company this afternoon and elected officers, Cap - W. Hadelton, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut, W. Reynolds of Clochester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut - E. Whinney 1<sup>st</sup> Serj - E. Holton 2<sup>nd</sup> Fletche 3<sup>rd</sup> Macomber, 4<sup>th</sup> Williams 5<sup>th</sup> Holton &c - I am appointed 4<sup>th</sup> serj - but on account of some hard feelings I think that I shall ~~have~~ take the place