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• In response to President Abraham Lincoln’s call for volunteers, Andrew Jackson Nickell enlisted in the 114th Regiment, Company E of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry on August 22, 1862. The 114th O.V.I., Company E, was mustered into service at Circleville, Ohio on September 8, 1862. The Regiment was ordered to Camp Marietta, OH, on September 19, 1863. In addition to Pickaway County, the 114th also included men from Perry, Fairfield, Fayette, Hocking, and Vinton Counties. It comes as no surprise that in his letter of September 28, he refers to the 114th as "one of the best that ever was...".

• The new 114th O.V.I. was then ordered to Camp Marietta, Ohio for basic military instruction. From Circleville, the 114th O.V.I. hiked southward along the Scioto River to Kinnickinnick, then took the eastbound rail cars to Marietta.

• In his two and a half months at Marietta, Andrew began writing regular letters to his wife Isabella "Bell" and his family back in Pickaway County, Ohio. His letters always expressed concern for their welfare. It was during this time that Andrew began using the closing, "To His Beloved Wife and Children".

• In his letters from Marietta, Andrew tells Bell that he is attending church services, and that he received leave to visit family and friends in nearby Vinton County, Ohio (where he and Bell had grown up). Andrew communicates the excitement caused by Confederate cannon fire across the Ohio River at Parkersburg, (West) Virginia. Andrew also expresses a strong sense of pride in his Regiment, and speculates on where the 114th O.V.I. might be sent.

• But the future of the 114th and other regiments at Camp Marietta had already been determined. President Lincoln, his advisors and generals believed that "Vicksburg is the Key" to dividing the Confederacy, and to gaining control of the southern Mississippi River. Andrew and thousands of other soldiers, north and south, would soon be committed to the Vicksburg Campaign. Extract from http://www.angelfire.com/il/thecivilwarjournal/ajn1.html
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• **Letter #1: Original Text** *(exactly as written by Andrew Jackson Nickell)*  
  - September the 17 1862  
  - Dear loved one I cood not get to go home to sea you and the childearn I was promist to go home to day but this morning our **captin got orders to pre pare three days rashens coocked in mess boxes** but whare we are going to we dew not no but the orders is to be redy by six o clock this eaving we have got our guns and they ar a feching boxes hear to day and they say that our clothing is in them so we cant get a ps even to go to town to day but they have sent for the boys that ar at home now I have heard since I have ben writen that it is on serten a bout us ageing at this time but I want you to dew the very best yo can and not for get to pray by the way we have prrear meeting hear every eavning I wanted to go home the worst way but I cood not get to go atall with out  
  - we dew not go for a few days yet I want you to take good care of the childeren and rais them by prar if we dew not go I will come home as quick as I can I have had no chance to get them brest pins fixed yet and I dew not no wheathe I can or not so good By  
  - A. J. Nickel
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