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OFFICE OF THE

Merchants Union Express Company,

W. C. Sayer & Son, May 1st 1867

Dear Bro. Leav.

I rec^d your letter
 some time since and ought
 to have answered it before
 but have been very busy. I
 have given up the idea of going
 into the Army. My reasons are
 these. In the first place I
 don't count to take my family
 to Texas. I have been away
 from home enough and am
 now determined to have them
 with me. To go to New York
 and pass an examination,
 get my Uniform and all I
 should have to get to get me
 up in ^{the} shape I would have

to if I went into the
Regular Army would cost
as much as three or four
hundred dollars. I have
not got any such amount
of money and don't know
where I could get it.

I should have to borrow the
money, and I must say
I don't know where this
man is who would lend
it to me. Another thing, I
think I can save more
money here at \$75. per
month than I could in
the Army as 2^d Lieut.
This are my reasons and
believe and the folks at home
think I don't what was
best.

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Now now to change the subject. If I can get you a chance as Messenger would you like it? I don't know as I can but if you count on it I will try and do the best I can for you. You can do the business as well as any one. I could show you in two or three days by having you with me on the train so that you could understand it. I went two trips with the other Messenger and then took my regular run and have had no trouble at all.

in a few days -

to see how our next time of the
in doing with and will go from

from South

Franklin

Tell him that I will continue
to him and Bell soon
Do you stick with new
or how you get into any
other business. Write me

all about what you are doing
and if you could let a
chance as messenger I
could get you out of prison
Give my love to Bell and kiss
Kate for me. I wrote to
mother and Lelia last night

We have had one accident
on my train since I commenced
running. One man killed &
eight wounded. The passenger
car rolled down an embankment
15 feet turning over & a half
over - George Dickenson a

of James was one of the wounded. I have been



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Ottawa
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Care of
[79.] N. A. Thompson.

From Henry Isaac Pierce in McGregor Iowa
To his brother Earl Pierce in Ottawa, Illinois
Dated May 1st, 1867 envelope postmarked
May 2 and in "care of N.A. Throop"
written on "Merchants Express Co." stationery
Union

Dear Bro Earl,

I rec^d your letter some time since and ought to have answered it before but have been very busy - I have given up the idea of going into th Army. My reasons are these. In the first place I don't want to take my family to Texas. I have been away from long enough and am now determined to have them with me. To go to New York and pass an examination, get my uniform and all that I should have to get to fit me up in the shape I would have to if I went into the Regular Army would cost as mucha as three or four hundred dollars. I have not got any such amount of money and don't know where I could get it. I should have to borrow the money, and I must say I don't know where the man is who would lent it to me. Another thing, I think I can save more money here at \$75. per month than I could in the Army as 2^d Leuit. These are my reasons and Celia and the folks at home think I done what was best.

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How is Newt doing. Tell him that I will write to him and Bell soon. Are you still with Newt or have you got into any other Business. Write me all about what you are doing and if you would like a chance as Messenger I will get you one if possible. Give my love to Bell and kiss Katie for me. I wrote to Mother and Celia last night. We have had

Fanny Throops sister
Daisy May Pierce coverte cousin

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& eight wounded. The Passenger Car tolled down an embankment 15 feet
turning once & a half over - George Dickinson a Brother of James
was one of those wounded. I have been to see him several times.

He is doing well and will go home in a few days -

Your Brother Hank