

21 Dec 1861?
Bardstown, Ky.

Miss Mollie
This beautiful moonlight eve
finds me in the land of recess
at camp Dupont. Two miles East
of Bardstown, Ky. We are now
encamped on one of the loveliest
spots I ever beheld. everything
is beautiful and attractive as
well as well as comfortable and
convenient. it has once been the
Nelson County fair grounds.
But now the wonder of the world
is on exhibition here. The 49th regt
Ind. Vols. Commanded by three
young Giants. All from old
Hosier. let this suffice as a
description of Camp. Men. &
Commanders. Mollie be patient
I am now just going to write something
for my tale. Yesterday at drill we
received orders to be ready at 1. O'clock

P.M. to day to go down to
the City so that we might make
a grand military display.
According to orders all were
ready and soon all were on
the way. We marched through
all the principal streets of
the City. The Union people
cheering us. the secesh look-
ing like they would if they
could. As we passed the resi-
dence of one good old Union
man. some ladies who were
standing at a window -
said huziah for and God
bless the Hessian Boys. Then
it was that many hearts
were made glad by the thought
that they were Hessians.
Well after all this grand display
we were invited to the residence of
Christian because he was Union.

And the his servants brought us plenty of
good water. After this we had battalion
drill and then dress parade. Many spectators
were present and perfectly delighted
with ^{the} idea that we were there for the
purpose of protecting them which they
they were very much in need of until we
came here the Union men were imposed
upon shamefully, but now they say what they
please and are having a good time gener-
ally. When we first came here there
were several secret flags flying but
they have with their own accord taken
them down. I am getting very much in
favor of the missionaries and preachers
the A. G. is one of the right kind
since we came here many souls have been
converted to the Union. They are alre-
ady saved they are now convinced that
we only wish to protect the Union men and
sustain the Government at first they
thought we were a band of negro thieves

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