

Historical Notes to accompany letter dated:

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Cyrus Hardaway's October 15, 1862 letter home was his first since rejoining his Company D, 1st Regiment, Berdan's Sharpshooters at their Sharpsburg, Maryland encampment. From his previous letters written while he recuperated in Washington, D.C., Hardaway missed his companions but now felt better and "ready for another year." Proof of his improved physical and mental state is his humor regarding his attempted "visit" with the legendary John Brown at Harper's Ferry. John Brown and a group of fellow Abolitionists had attacked the Federal armory at Harper's Ferry in October 1859 in an unsuccessful attempt to incite a slave rebellion. Brown was tried and hung for his crimes but the incident enflamed pre-Civil War Southern secessionist inclinations.

Company D of Berdan's 1st Regiment was one of 10 companies (A-K) originally established in 1861-62. Berdan's 2nd Regiment was comprised of 8 companies (A-H). Existing military records establish that the D Company was mustered at New Berlin, New York on November 29, 1861. The roster of Company D, Berdan's Sharpshooter, 1st Regiment, clarifies many of the names mentioned by Hardaway.

If you have information or details of historical interest concerning any of the following persons, please feel to contact the authors at the addresses listed below.

Company D, Berdan's Sharpshooters, 1st Regiment

Austin, Charles
Aldrich, Alfred W
Angell, William H.
Bailey, Hamilton
Barrett, Albert
Berner, Charles
Begg, John. W.
Bidwell, Charles
Buchanan, Clay
Carey, Andrew W.
Chase, Horace
Church, Benajah
Collins, Henry H.
Coonrod, John
Cruikshank, Martin
DeLong, Harrison
Dickson, William
Drake, David
Dunn, Edward
DuPont, Alexander
Ferguson, Alex
Ferguson, Henry S.

Forsyth, James, W
Fry, Walter A.
Gage, Servis
Gannon, David
Garrett, Edward E.
Garrett, Frederick E
Goodrich, David
Griswold, George
Haight, Smith
Hardaway, Cyrus
Harrington, Henry
Harwith, Emil
Hawkins, George
Heritt, Jacob
Hetherington, John E.
Hetherington, Oliver J.
Herron, Charles
Hill, Garrett S.
Huddleston, John D.
Huddleston, William
Hulbert, Horace L.
Hyde, Philo
James, Slater
Jones, Daniel
Joulin, Henry
Kipp, Peter H.
Knox, Charles H.
Lee, Henry S.
Legg, Judson
Lehr, John
McCallin, Stephen
McLean, Charles D.
McLean, William O.
McNeal, Sidney
Marks, Edwin W.
Nelson, Edwin E.
Parish, Jonas
Peterson, John H.
Phinney, John H.
Pullman, Byron
Pullman, Cornelius
Rarrick, Russell
Reed, Dwight
Reed, James
Rilliet, Jean
See, Henry
Shedd, Lewis
Shute, William
Slatterly, Amon

Stephens, Frank
Stevens, Albert
Stickney, Edgar
Swartwont, Depew
Terrell, Sunbert
Thompson, Charles
Tuckerman, George S.
Vedder, Henry O.
Voorhees, Peter G.
Waring, William
Weldon, Richard
Willoughby, Herbert M.
Winchell, James
Wormwood, Morris