

[Partial letter by V. W. Sargent by the railroad 17 miles from Jackson, Tennessee to his parents in Iowa]

[Two pieces of a letter]

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.... Jackson now we are on the railroad 17 miles from Jackson there is 20 men of us here and the rest of our company is about 2 miles from here we are here to guard the railroad we have got a small fort here so it would take quite a force to take us we have plenty to eat and nothing to do but come on guard every third night we do not stand in the day time I was out today hunting squirrels [*squirrels*] and came across [*across*] a house I went in and found that the folks was union or at least they

[Side 2 - top missing]

... or not if they do it [*word missing*] much loss  
I am well at present hope you are all well I suppose [*suppose*] the boys are having nice times driving stage  
I have a ride on the cars every little while at Uncle Sam expence [*expense*]  
I must close now so good by  
Write as soon as you get this

Vanburen W. Sargent  
To  
Americus V. Sargent