

in person, at Upper Sandusky, ready to advance at the word. I am for the present attached to the 27 Reg't, U. S. Inf. How long I shall continue to fill my present station I know not. Sitting on courts martial and superintending the drill service, constitute my essential duty.

GEORGE TOD.

TRUMP OF FAME PRINT,  
WARREN, OHIO, Sept. 16, 1812. }

"A detachment under the command of Major Austin, of this town, was sent a few days since on to the Peninsula between Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay, for the purpose of procuring refreshment for the troops under the command of Gen. Perkins. They passed over to Cunningham's Island, where they discovered a British schooner on shore, and abandoned by her crew; they set fire to her. On their return they discovered the dead body of Mathew Guy of this neighborhood. Returning from that place one of their own number was shot through the head and fell dead. This is the first blood shed since the declaration of war at Sandusky Bay.

We are told the President has ordered on to Gen. Wadsworth 1500 muskets."

BRIG.-GEN. REASIN BEALL TO MAJ.-GEN. WADSWORTH.

CAMP NEAR WOOSTER, OHIO, Sept. 13, 1812.

DEAR GENERAL:—Enclosed is the strength of the detachment under my command. I do not see that it will be in my power to erect block-houses on the route contemplated, owing to the want of forage and provision. I believe a sufficient quantity could be had, providing we had money. The day before yesterday the Indians killed and scalped four persons on the Black Fork of Mohican, about twenty-five miles west of this, and eight miles east of Mansfield. At Mansfield there are upwards of two hundred men stationed, from the counties of Muskingum and Knox. I have last night and to-day detached three companies to range north-west of the place about twenty miles, and in case they should discover any sign of the enemy making toward the settlements to pursue and destroy them. I shall attend to the detaching the number required from my brigade, but I can assure you that I almost despair of getting them to camp. The unparalleled number of deserters are truly astonishing to me. I feel quite weak in consequence of my late spell of sickness, and at times feel strong symptoms of relapse. I do not believe that I shall be able long to perform the duties required in camp, much less the fatigues of a campaign. I am very desirous to return home in order to regain my health. I find it impracticable to keep up a line of communication with Gen. Perkins, owing (as I before observed) to the want of provisions and forage, which prevents my moving farther west.

I hope the enclosed returns will be satisfactory, my forwarding the strength of the detachment and return of camp equipage, etc., shows there is a deficiency, and it will remain with the government to make it up. I know not what articles the government intend furnishing. I, however, have stated such as I know will be wanted. In case I should continue in my present state of health, I believe I shall be under the necessity of returning home, which I hope will meet with your approbation. Pray sir, signify your approbation relative thereto by next opportunity.

Sincerely, General, I am your friend.

REASIN BEALL.

HON. WM. EUSTIS TO GEN. WADSWORTH.  
WAR DEPARTMENT, Oct. 3, 1812.

SIR:—Your letter of Sept. 27th is received. Mr. Huntington is appointed paymaster to the troops in your vicinity. Major Stoddard will continue to forward supplies. The Pennsylvania detachment is assembling at Pittsburgh, and it is hoped the judicious arrangements of General Harrison will soon quiet the Indians on the frontier, and at least restore our possessions on the Upper Lakes. A train of artillery will immediately leave Pittsburgh, subject to the order of General Harrison, and every exertion is making for the comfort and convenience of the troops on the frontier.

Very respectfully, sir,  
Your ob't servant, W. EUSTIS.

HON. WM. EUSTIS TO MAJ. GEN. WADSWORTH.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Oct. 10th, 1812. }

SIR: You will organize the detachment requested by my letter of Sept. 5th, put them under the command of a Brigade General and report them to Gen. Harrison for such disposition as he may think proper. Blankets, stockings, shoes and other clothing, with medicines and hospital stores are on the way, and will be distributed by General Harrison according to the wants of the army. Very Respectfully, Sir, Your Obedient Servant.

W. EUSTIS.

GENERAL WADSWORTH TO SECRETARY OF WAR.

HEADQUARTERS, HURON,  
Oct. 24th, 1812.

HON. WM. EUSTIS, Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

SIR: Your letter of the 10th instant was received by express last evening. I shall, without a moment's delay, comply with the requisition therein contained. I feel it a duty incumbent on me to make you acquainted in some measure with the situation of my detachment. The extent of line which required guards from my detachment exceeded 150 miles. At this place between four and five hundred men have been placed. Of those a very considerable part, by sickness and death, have