

Jefferson B. Smith
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Dear Brother

After all my troubles & hardships
in Florida, I find myself sitting down at
this place one of the best Infantry
stations in the U. States, we are anticipated
some pleasure & I think from all that I
can hear that we will not be disappointed
if we are permitted to remain here
long enough, we are within the walls
of St. Louis & city of 25 or 30,000 inhabitants
where there are a number of very beautiful
young Ladies (and they say like too) that
are delighted to see or hear of one arrival
I have made up their minds that the
6th Infantry shall be no longer a back
sight, I think we will give them a
chance for them are so better than the age
of 20 to 30 who think as I do that every
good looking white woman is a perfect
angel, we found them on Friday at
Gen. Atkinson's on an arrival
rather to be entertained
further that, and we
and the Ladies from a