

## William J. Allaman Letter

Image

[image on top of writing paper of a woman tending to a wounded soldier with the caption: LOVELY WOMAN. "We will take care of the brave soldiers who have fought our battles."]

Dec 21st, 1862

Camp Near Nashville

Dear Cousin Ard,

Your Ever welcome letter containing Some Postage Stamps and also one Since I think I answered the other letter but not certain but I do not believe that you get all the letters I write to you I am glad to hear that you are all well as this leaves me I was about give out at Glasgow Ky. and they Sent me along with Some more of our Boys to Bowling Green and I Staid [sic] there about two weeks and then came on to the Regiment here at Nashville I was not Sick but Run down marching but I am now as Stout and Hearty as Ever I was glad when I got here to know the 10th and 16th Ill. was here but Henry was in the hospital I went to See him he was about well then and now he is to the Regiment again he was pretty Sick with the fever but he looks pretty well again they are at Nashville Guarding a Fort we are about three miles from there on the Murfreesborough [sic] turnpike it is a Beautiful Camp Ground The Boys are all pretty well I seen Ed Ellet and the rest of the Boys in the 10th they look sound and fat I dont [sic] know how long we will Stay here Some think all winter but it is not certain the rebels are not very far of us here they hold Murfreesborough [sic] which is only about twenty five miles from here they expect a fight then and if there is we will be in it I expect we are out on picket about twice a week now, well what kind of weather have you got up there this is a beautiful climate here the weather is nice and warm here we had a little Snow a couple of weeks ago but it went of [sic] the next day it freezes a little at night some times and through the day it is warm today (Sunday) it is a beautiful day we have now a new Division commander, Gen Palmer, we are in the 10th Brigade 4th Division and 14th Army Corps Gen Rosecrans commander but I must close I recd [sic] a letter from Ed Hassop we have not got paid yet and dont [sic] know now when we will be I am Sorry to hear that P.P. Kennedy is going to leave we will not have any Shoemaker O Golly hear [sic] is Ed Ellett just come over to see us he looks Bully there is Some of the Boys here Every day well give my respects to all and write Soon again and Send Some Oquawka papers

So write soon

Yours as Ever

Will J Allaman

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Via Louisville, Ky.

Undated Letter Fragment Telling of William Allaman's Death

would get well. I did not wait on him but I know that he had a good nurse. He was burried [sic] without a coffin with only his blanket wrapped around him. he made no request that I know of before he died. He lies in an orchard adjoining the second division hospital. I cut his name on a board and placed it at his head. I think it would be impossible now to move his body if it were you could not get him for the military authorities will give no passes for that purpose. ESg'r [sic] Martin has been after orderly Plummer's body but as yet has not succeeded in getting it. Wm's things will be sent to his brother Henry who is at Nashville. The boys of our neighborhood who are here are all well. Pra [sic] B. Michael [illegible] and George S. are at Nashville. H Naley is at Gallaton I believe I have answered all your questions I would like to hear from you again soon. From your friend

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