

## John Krach Letter

### 21st Illinois

Part of a Letter telling of John Krach's death

So queerly do wounds affect the nerves, Abandoned by all of our attendants who fled to escape capture, The battle roled [sic] by us and far beyond into the great Cedar brake [sic] that Stretched [sic] for miles to the north and west of us, from where no news of battle reached us but the dreadful Sounds of musketry that came from gloomy depths of the great thicket where brave men fought the enemy in Smal [sic] groups or Singly from tree to tree or Stone to Stone Many Soldiers got Separated from comrades were killed or mortally wounded lay down to die where they remained undiscovered for years till woodchoppers found their bones and remains of their equipments, [sic] John Krach of my co was Shot through the body and left by his chum also wounded, much Search was made for him afterwards, but he was found Sevral [sic] years later and identified by his name on his beltplate, [sic] and he has been buried in the Murphresboro [sic] National Cemetery, the fighting of these men helped in large measure to Save the Army of the Cumberland, for by the delay caused to the enemy Gen Rosecrans was able to form a new line, closing up and reinforcing all of the gaps and weak places and when Gen Bragg renewed the attact [sic] he only hastened the defeat of his men by their furious assaults on our Solid ranks, Our Hospital with about Three Hundred men was now fully in the enemys [sic] hands and they immediately removed all of our hospital Stores Some of our Surgeons remained with us but their assistants were gone and Their instruments were taken away to be used by the confederates, all of the Slightly wounded fled with our army

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