

Henry Shouldise Letter

81st Indiana Infantry

Redoubt T J Wood February the 1st

Dear Brother I take the plesure [sic] this plesent [sic] morning to rite [sic] you A few lines in answer to youer [sic] kind and welcom [sic] letter of the 21 youer [sic] letter found me in Good helth [sic] I was glad to here [sic] that you was well and enjoying youer [sic] self the best way you Can well Billy I think you Can have A Good time A hunting this winter I think if I was at home this winter I would kill more rabbits then you Could pack I was out one day on the battel [sic] feild [sic] A garding [sic] Some Niggers that was Chapping [sic] saw logs and I hunted around sume [sic] but I did not see much to shoot at that time but trees thare [sic] is plenty of rabits [sic] down here but we Cant [sic] get out side the picket lines to hunt them the Boyes [sic] that was in the stone [sic] river Battel [sic] sed [sic] thay [sic] never seen so much game as they saw when the to [sic] lines of battel [sic] Came to gether [sic] thay [sic] drove the rabbits from both lines to the middel [sic] and run A bout [sic] them like Cats well Billy you sed [sic] in youer [sic] letter that you had Sume [sic] taught [sic] of enlistiyng [sic] you wanted to no [sic] of me what I taught [sic] A bout [sic] it I wood [sic] think that you don [sic] verry [sic] rong to inlist [sic] untill [sic] I get Back home you would be doing right to serve youer [sic] Country [sic] but the way things is now you Canot [sic] leave home till I get back if it is my good luck to get back and I trust in God that I will with his help that I will be en [sic] abled to Get back to see you all once mour [sic] in the land of seveliation [sic] well Billy the weather here is very plesent [sic] thay [sic] are plowing here and making Garden here for the use of the hospital thay [sic] are going to plant 160 acars [sic] in Garden well I have told you all the nuse [sic] I beleve [sic] I started 35 dollars to mother by [illegible] to Jeffersonville the 20th of the month last I rote [sic] a letter to maryann [sic] the 21st and 1 to Becca A few dayes [sic] after I started A paper to Mother yesterday my weaght [sic] is 160 pounds heavier then I ever was before I will Close for this time rite [sic] as soon as you Get this and let me no [sic] how every thing is prospering generaly [sic] Nomore [sic] but remain your brother

Henry Shouldise

To William Shouldise