Murfreesboro Tenn Jan 30th /63

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to let you know something of how I am geting along I will tell you the truth I have been sick for seven days I have been able to wait on myself all the time but I am verry weak and I was weighed to day and I only weighed 151½ lbs with my overcoat on I think I will get along if I take no back set I received yours of the 28 Dec before I sent out my other letter you were all well I when it was writen and I hope those lines will find you and the little one all well and your Fathers Family to Well I read a letter of Davids Gorees it stated that Wm Watson Wm Morrison Cyanthia Bet an Rachel was going to Columbus I hope they will have a pleasant and safe trip

Well Margaret you wrote you had some money that you would pay any little debt I wanted you to you had better to pay our taxes if you have it or expect to get enough to pay if you have it pay Mr. Crozier Three dollars that we owee him pay the taxes first I Will Margaret we expect to get some of our pay in a few days and if we get mutch of it I will send some of it home to you if I have any chance to send it by an Individual it is not safe to send by mail but I do not expect to get mutch at this time two months pay is all we will get at this time the pay master has been here some time paying off the troops Well the health of the troops is generally Good Our Regiment has had a heep of sickness but not fatal sickness there is only Twenty of our Company able for duty now

the sick is generaly geting better Joseph is still on the mend but it is slow Thomas is still back at Nashville he has been sick and was better and I heard last night that he was worse again Our Regiment is gone out a foriging to day I am in hopes that the boys will bring in something good to eat for I am nearly starved out for something that is fit for a sick person to eat We have not any thing but crackers beans Bacon and Coffee and Shougar and Beef one day in a week a little Kanniny or rice and that is not fit for a Sick person Well there is no talk of a moove from here that I have heard of if there is a large number of troops here and around here they are well scattered over the country around here I heard that our men took one hundred and fifty of the rebel cavalry three days ago

Well Margaret I would be
glad to see you and the children
and all the rest of the friends
and I hope the time will soon
come when we will be allowed
to return in peace and harmony
if it does not soon come I
will try and get a leave of
absence and come home a few
days and see you all I expect
it would be hard to get but
I can try Well my Dear I do
not want you to think I am
indifferent for not writing oftener
we have a poor way for a weak
man to write and I do not want
you to trouble yourself over this
word of my sickness I thought it my
duty to let you know it
I think I can now take care of my
self So no more at present
but Remain your Affectionate
Husband untill Death
James L. Boggs

To Margaret Boggs his Dear Wife

Murfreesboro Ten Feb 2nd 1862

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to let you know how I am geting along I am still on the mend but it is slow but I am in hopes that I will get well and hatty again I received your letter of the Twenty fifth of January and was verry glad to hear that you were all well and harty and I hope these lines will find you all the same I was sorry to hear that you was dissatisfied with the way things was going on at home I am in hopes you will get along well and be well satisfied at home Tell Mr Hart that I am in hopes that he will be well satisfied and will take good care of you and the little ones and the stock if he thinks he could take care of the young horses and would like to do so you might have them

brought home for I know there is plenty of Feed to feed them and I think likely they would be better taken care of I suppose they are still at A. Kellys and I know he has more than he can take care of if Mr. Mast thinks he will stay untill Spring and thinks he can take care of them you can have them home and if it interfering with his and your agreement I am willing to pay for the extra trouble that he will at in doing so and if he is a good rider if ~~the~~ Lucy is not with foal he might have her to ride around to places where he wishes to go You did not say how you were a going to do about a team but I suppose you have that understood among yourselves I am in hopes that the next that I receive from

you that I will hear that you are
geting a long well and well satisfied
with your change my great study
is for your comfort and health
I knew that the news of my sickness
would trouble you but I thought
it my duty to tell you I do not
want you to trouble yourself
about me for I think I can take
care of myself if I do not get
any worse than I have been
Well Margaret if Frank Watson comes
home I want you to have him
moove for I do not want him to
have any thing to do with my
property for he is to fraction
among stock I am in hopes
that you and Lucinda will
get along without any trouble
as long as you both have to
stay on the place together
Well Margaret We have not
received any pay yet the talk

is that we will get home by the twelfth of this month we will only get two months pay at this time There is no talk of us mooving from here yet we heard that Burnside was mooving on towards Richmond again and I hope he is and will be successfull in driving the enemy out of his strong hold there and then I would have some hopes of peace some time shortly Well I would be glad to see you and the children remember me in your devotions at the throne of grace and if we meet not on earth we may meet in heaven So no more at present but remain your affetionate husband untill Death

James L. Boggs

Murfreesboro Tenn February 5th 1863

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to write you a line to let you know how I am geting along I am geting along verry well my health is improveing verry fast I feel well only I am weak yet I have had to work a lidle to hard for the last two days the regiment all went on Don a scout that was able and there was Leveral of the boys in our tent was was sick and was not able to go and I was the ables one to work that was left and I have had to get wood and do the cooking and it has kept me busy and I am geting better on it Joseph is mending slowly he is in the hospital yet Thomas is still at Nashville yet he has been verry sick but was better the las I heard from him the health of the boys is improveing

Well Margaret I am in hopes
that these lines will find you
and the children all well and
harty and well satisfied at home
I would be a greatdeal better satisfied
if I was at home with you and
the children a siting around the
faire side we have a little faire
place in our tent it is pleasant
to sit around when it is snowing
as it is to night we have had
two days that has been quite
cold it is more moderate and
is snowing and sleeting Well
I suppose you would like to hear
something of what is going on here
I sayed that our regiment was
gone out on a scout the general
opinion is that they have went
out to have a little fight and
I expect it is all so for the
report to day is that there is
fighting going on a few miles
out and we have heard
cannonading all day

and to night there was some
prisoners brought in that had
been taken / three days ago one
Regiment of our infantry was
out Scouting and took Fifteen
Hundred Prisoners one thousand
of infantry and five hundred
Cavalry they were brought in
day before yesterday There
is a large number of Soldiers that
has not went out yet some was
ordered out to day and if the
fight continues I suppose all
that is able will have to go but
I am in hopes that it will
proove to be only Schirmshing
that has been going on to day
I am in hopes that it is not a
general engagement for it is
so disagreeable to night is a
verry bad night for men to be
out in the weather without
fighting and without wounds
Well you stated in your last
letter that John Cunningham

was coming out here he could not get here if he was to try to come Generdl Rozecrans has issued an order forbiding citizens coming inside the lines or going out of the line J W Cunningham is not geting along of late verry well he has had fever for some days his wound is doing well David Goree is well and hartty so is all the boys in that regiment that you know Well Margaret there was one thing in your last letter that I was sorry to hear that was that James F Morton was not agoing to except the call our congregation had made out for him So Farewell My Dear and Affectionate Wife So no more at Present But Remain your Affectionate Husband Untill Death

James C Boggs

To Margaret Boggs

Murfreesboro Tennessee February 12th/1863

Mr Wm Hicklin Sir

I take my pen in hand to give you some directions about how I want the place managed if I do not get home in the spring if Mr George Tweed has got a team I am willing that he should have it if you and he can agree about the terms I want common rent only and will leave the ballance for you and him to make the contaract or agreement it would be best to have a writen agreement The field in the prairie may all or the portion that is not in wheat if Watson did not sow the oats stubble in wheat I want some Eight Acres on the North End of the Field put in Wheat in the fall that will leave twelve Acres for corn if George gets the place I suppose he would want the wheat ground to The Field at the house the part

That was in wheat may be put in corn
if he wishes to put it in I am not
Careing whether there is any thing put in
it or not I would like the orcherd could
be broke in the Spring to keep the trees
lively but I am not particular about
that but if it could be don conveniently
by a carefill hand I would like to have it
done but I would rather not have it done at
all than to have the trees injured with the
rubing of harness Well Old man if you
can attend to this for me it will accomoda
te your Son and would be better than for Peggy
to attend to it for a woman is no judge of such
business Well About the meadow if you have
time watch and get it dry enough and burn it
off if it will burn an if it is any acount
I wat you to have it cut and put up and
pay yourself out of it for your trouble but there
time enough to talk about that again if we all live Well
I have not anything of any importance to write at present only
what I have writen to Margaret only that we have a heap of
wet weather so no more at present but remain your
affectionate Son untill Death Sam. C. Boggs

Well there is one thing that I forgot to mention that is I wish you to keep the old mare to work this next summer I want you to have a team to work next summer if you want her and the young mare to if you want her but I expect you will not want her Well I will say a little more about the place if Tweed does not want it if some one that has a small family and is good and trusty and Peggy is willing that they should have it it will all be right with me so they do up the work right and take care of the things If no one goes on the place and someone of the neighbors wants some of the ground to work or if you want it to work yourself it will be all right to do so to let them have it if any one wanted to put the wheat ground in oats it will all be right to let them have it to sow in oats As for the stock that will be kept I suppose there will not be any thing but the hogs and cattle and they would not need much attention if the colony kills the hogs they will need no attention Well I cannot think of any thing more that I need to say about that

Well old man I will let you know something of how the health is here the health of our regiment is improveing some there was two deaths in our regiment on night before last they were old cases there was one man fell dead on sabbath that was well and harty the detors said his disease was a disease of the heart the old regiments here is generally verry healthy there is not one man in the The company that David Goree is in In the Twenty second but is able for duty there is no talk of A moove from this place that I have heard of Well I have not mentioned any of my Brothers Joseph is still on the mend Thomas was on the mend the sixth he is still at Nashville yet So No more at Present Farewell Dear Father James C Boggs

Brilliant Engagement of General Banks' Division with the Rebel forces under Stonewall Jackson, August 9th, 1862.

Murfreesboro Tennessee Feb 12th/63

...My Dear Wife I take my pen in hand to let you know that I received your letters of the fifth of February 5th and I was verry glad to hear that you were all well and I am in hopes that these lines will find you all Enjoying the same blessing of God I am in tolerable health at present I am gaining Strength but it is slow I have a diareah that is keeping me back considerable

I was out on guard duty night
before last and it worried me
considerable it was a pleasant
night night I am in phopes that
I will soon get stout again
I do not know any thing of
importance to write that is going
on here Well Margaret I am
sorry to state the sad news of
Lewis Thomas's death he died
the night of the Eighth about
8 oclock he did not speak after
one oclock that day he was Buried
the next day and I am sorry to
write the painfull Inteligence
that L. W. Cunningham is not
likely to last long he was
out of his right mind on the
Eighth and knew nothing of
what was going on I have not
heard from him since

Well Margaret I received both of
your letters with the things in them
all right and I was glad to get them
the paper I did not need at present but
it will not be in the way I am
out of stamps but you need not
send any for the letters will go
to you as well without as with
them and you can pay the postage
at home there until I can buy
some here I was sorry to hear
of the hogs having the Colera
But if they all die there will be
some way provided for you and
the Children for I meet I was
sorry that you sold the stack
of hay as cheap as you did for
if it was not spoiled it aught
to of been worth more or at
least I thought so But it makes
no difference now the trade is made

Well my Dear Wife you
stated in your letter that you
given to mooveing home and that
you thought you could resk
George Tweed to go into the
new house you will have your
Father to attend to the
Business of the place for you
if he can I will write some
thing of how I wish him to
manage Well my Dear
Family I would be glad to
See you all and enjoy your
company around the faire
side for a while O my
Dear how I wish this war
was ended so no more at
present but remain your affectio
nate Husband untill Death

James C Boggs

To Margaret Boggs.

Murfreesboro Tenn 13th 1863

My Dear Wife

I again take my pen in hand to answer your kind and affectionate letter of the 5th of March that I received on yesterday

I was verry glad to hear that you was able to sit up and write I am in hopes that you will get along well so that when these lines comes to hand they will find you well and harty and the children well My health is not any thing to brag on yet but I am able to go on duty when I am called on I am in hopes that when the weather becomes settled that I will get stout again We have rain every other day on an averag and it makes it verry disagreeable living as we do here

Well Margaret

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Well Margaret We have not any thing new to write to you only that I heard a rumor this morning that Old Jeff Davis had left the United States for other quarters and I hope it is so but I really have my doubts as well as hopes I think that he will leave before this trouble is settled and I am anxious that it will take place soon so that I can get home to see you and the children and take care of you and them and enjoy your kind company and

and Haire Lide Well I stated
in my last that the talk was
that we would be payed off the
next day but it was a failure
we are not payed yet they sayed
yesterday that we would be payed
of to day without fail but I have
not seen any thing of it yet
The paymaster is around here and I guess we will
get it soon Well I had to stop to get dinner and
now I write again And I have received yours
of the 9th of March and was glad that you
and Florida was geting along so well
I have to stop again to go on battalion
drill Well Margaret I was sorry to hear that
Lucinda Watson and you has not got along
any better I will be glad when they get
away Well I wish all the Meadow to
be burned Old and Young if there is
grass enough on them to burn
it will not hurt them if they are
burned early ~~if~~ Well I have just
heard that there was five Hundred

Prisoners brought into Nashville
yesterday and that there were
several of the rebble regiments
down towards Vicburg have
deserted and is trying to make
their way to our ~~regiment~~
Army some where I do not
know whether they were tryny
to get here or some where else
Well I hope the secesh will
behave themselves in Illinois
if they do not they will wish
they had if they could see the
men that is here it would scare
them worse than the conscript
Well Margaret I do pray for
you and the children in
my devotions You will reme
mber me in your prayers
So no more at present but
remain your Affectionate
Husband Untill Death
James C Boggs to Margaret Boggs

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Mr Wm Hicklin

Dear Father I again seatch you a line to let you know that I have not forgot en you and the rest of the friends I am geting better but my health improves verry slow I am in hopes that these lines will find you and the family well and enjoying yourselves well in these troublesome times I have heard that the legislature of the state has adjourned without accomplishing any of their evil desines toward our goverment and I am glad to know that our state is still all right side upper most I am afraid the seceah will cause some trouble yet in the state There is some dissatispac tion among the soldiers about the freeing of the negroes they say they will not fight to free the negroes but that feeling is wearing off