

Lewis Brissenden Letter and Information

[Note: Letter is from Lewis to his sister Ann.]

Murfreesboro Tenn. March 30th 1863

Dear Sister

I thought I would Write you a few lines this Morning to let you know that I am Well and I hope wen [sic] this leter [sic] comes to hand it will you all will I got a leter [sic] from you about a Week a go [sic] and that is the only one that I have got for a bout [sic] a month and I have wrote you three ore [sic] four In the last Mounth [sic] I Sent \$10. dolars [sic] in one leter [sic] but I hafent [sic] heard wether [sic] it got thar [sic] or not but I got tired of keeping it and so I thout [sic] I would risk alitel [sic] at the time I send \$10. more in this and I want you to write as Soon as you get it I got 3 papers that Fauther [sic] sent I hafent [sic] got mutch [sic] news to tell you at this time Thay [sic] have been looking for a fight hear [sic] Thar [sic] is as been Severl [sic] Scurmishes [sic] around hear [sic] but if the rebels trie [sic] to take this place thay [sic] will have a good time of it for it is well fortetide [sic] and thare [sic] is Soulders [sic] anuf [sic] hear [sic] to fight tham [sic] a good lick you wanted to know wether [sic] our our [sic] capton [sic] was a Rebel he is all rite [sic] now thay [sic] did toak [sic] of taken hes [sic] comi[cut off] away from him for Somt[cut off] he had Sed [sic] abot [sic] the union wen [sic] he war [sic] mad I beleve [sic] that is a bout [sic] all the news [illegible] this time The Peach trees and Plumes [sic] are all in full Blosom [sic] and it looks like Spring hear [sic] but it is torbel [sic] could [sic] to day we have been out S a fourging [sic] Several times cince [sic] we have got our Horses and it gose [sic] beter [sic] than it did on but So I will close for this time from L. Brissenden to A. Brissenden

I Sed [sic] in my other letter that we had Sent our overcoats but thay [sic] hafent [sic] Started yet but I gess [sic] we will Send tham [sic] Soon

Background Information

LEWIS BRISSENDEN VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR 1861-1865 of Company A. 93th [sic] ILLINOIS Infantry, later Mounted Infantry known as Wilders [sic] Lighting [sic] brigade, who was asked to list some of the battles, also some of the officers whom he served under, pictured in this book. "DIVIDED WE FOUGHT"

He was chosen from among the Company A. 93th [sic] Illinois to return home and cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln (His first vote)

OFFICERS.

George Brinton McClellan (Page 26) Major General Ambrose Burnside (page 141)
General Joseph Hooker, General Gordon Meade, Ulysses S. Grant.

Major General George Henry Thomas.

General Thomas, he often spoke with kindest words, Beloved by all (Page 228)

Major General William Rosecrans (Page 235)

Battles he fought in.

Chicamauga [sic] under General Thomas, Spoke of the Ross house, Bloody pond. (This battle, also Lookout Mountain} he spoke of more often (Pages 239, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45.

Continues Battles – Missionary Ridge, told of Orchard Knob, (Now known as Umbrella Rock)

With the Army of the Cumberland (Page 250-51)

Fought three days and nites [sic] on Lookout Mountain, finally defeated the Confederates, one of the decisive battles (Page 253)

Helped to build the Pontoon Bridge across the Tennessee River (page 253)

Encampment of the Army of the Potomac at Genibutanding [sic] (Page 50)

Would have been in Shermans [sic] march to the Sea, but stricken with Typhoid fever and in Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. when war closed. he shot and killed one rebel General. Also one the best sharp shooters in his Company.