

Walter S. Burns Letters

Nashville Tenn Nov 12th/62

Dear Parents

I rec..d [sic]

A letter from you to day [sic] the first one in 3 months. It was old but done me a bit of good. It was dated Sept 9th I suppose [sic] you have written me several since but they have not been able to reach me. To day [sic] was the first male [sic] we have rec'ed [sic] since we have been in this town. I rec'ed [sic] a letter from Dr. Dick Pohusin of the 3rd Ohio. Cav he was well. Also Lieut [sic] John Brown they was at Lebanon. Mo. and I reed [sic] one from Luther Robinson. He was at Haysville but all was old news. I will expect plenty of news with James Blakley. We are expecting our recruits [sic] today or tomorrow. Yesterday we was in grand review [sic] line Rosecrans. His whole was in this vicinity. He is a middle sized man and has a brave smile on his countenance [sic]. We expect to go on a big march [sic] soon. It rained a very little last night the first since we have been in this place we are drawing full ration of everything the heath [sic] or [sic] thig [sic] regt [sic] is good at present. My heath [sic] is sgood [sic] as it has been since I have been in service I suppose [sic] you are glad I came to war when I did for I would stand a good chance to of been drafted. The 49th is on the other side of the river. Capt [sic] Sameul [sic] Gray stayed with Col. neibling [sic] last night and several of the 49th boys have been over to see us I am going to see the daywalt [sic] boys and the melrose [sic] boys. There was 8 old men here from Arcada to see their [sic] in the 49th regt [sic]. One of them was that old Irishman that we bought that fat cow off in Arcada once.

You must write soon and remember your son a soldier

Walter S. Burns

Co. B 21st Reg't [sic] OVI USA

Present to G and R Burns

Murfreesboro Tenn

Feb 4 '63

Dear Mother

I rec'd your kind letter yesterday in care of Capt. J.E. Steamres. Our Lt. Parker gave me the letter and socks. The socks are good ones and will come mighty

handy at present [sic] for it is pretty cool here at present [sic] for a week so it will bear up a man. Since father left here we have built a shed and and [sic] good fire place in it so live as nice as as [sic] in a house.

We got the news of the death of Mr. Davis some 3 or 4 days ago it was sad news to us but I supposed [sic] it was much [sic] sadder to his family and friends. We are expecting to be payed [sic] off soon for four months. If so I will send father some money. I wrote a letter to Uncle Walter last night and will write to Henries [sic] folks to day [sic] I was very sorry to hear of the death of Margreates [sic] little girl. If I had been in her place I would of [sic] not taken her to Tibbon. We got the new here of the death of Dr. Carlins a few days ago it must of [sic] been a hard stroke on the 6-7 tell father he is relieved of one abolisionist [sic] I suppose [sic].

Chatial when elec [sic] monroe [sic] comes to his regt [sic] if you will send me some nice butter it will come very supspssicive [sic] or any other good chance you get.

Has not Margaret any other children I thought she had 2 with her. I should think Henries [sic] feal [sic] very bad about their children did Tally get through rite [sic]. This morning we can hear the roar of cannon to the south. Our men discovered a squad yesterday some 5 or 6 miles from here and our men has surrounded [sic] them and from the roar of the cannon they are having a little fight.

Chatial when you send me that other pair of socks if you will send me one or two under shirts. Did father get his canon [sic] ball home and the rest of his trophyeys [sic] of the battle field. You must write soon.

Yours

Walter S. Burns
OVI USA

Murfreesboro Tenn

Co B 21 Reg't [sic] Ohio Vols

May 17th 1863

Dear Parents

I rec'd your very
kind and interesting letter to day [sic] and was very glad to hear that you were well
I rec'd a letter from Libbie to day [sic] also one pack of envelopes and a [illegible]

of good papers this is some on witch [sic] I am writing and call this pretty good papers. Dr. Ladd brought them, for will he is here after Scott Stevens. I have not seen Dr. yet but I am going down early in the morning and see him if he has not started home yet. You said you had changed the name of the last boy. I think Harry is a very pretty name. I hope they will live until I get home. You said father had some notion of moving to Tiffin next spring. If father thinks he can do better in Tiffin then [sic] he can in Findlay I would move there, but I think Findlay will be a better place the Findlay.

I would send some money but there is so many letters lost that it is not safe.

I do not know when Mrs. Neibling is going home if she dont [sic] go home until we ar [sic] prayed off again I can send you fifty dollars I think, does betsurns [sic] send you any any [sic] money latley [sic], does beed [sic] ever write or send you any money.

Libbie sent me fifty cents worth postage stamps to day [sic] whitch [sic] came ver [sic] good

It is very warm here but has not been so warm to day [sic] as it was a few days ago.

Discouraging lately in regards to Hooker am afraid they wont [sic] any better soon if he is whiped [sic]. You may depend it will prolong this unjust war sixe [sic] months longer.

You must write soon and tell me all the news from your son

Walter S. Burns
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