3 ~~the~~ but little fighting during the day a hot little fight took place at dusk and lasted about one hour the enemy gone away

4 ~~the~~ the enemy skedadled thrue the night and one to be see we geathered up our dead and buried them we buried willian withe 9 of his brave comrads I cut the balowing upon ~~the~~ a thick pepler bord and pool it up out his head

Wm B McCall Cat B ~~th~~ U S Infantry killed in action December 31st 1862

we searched for hours for
Coomans boddy but
could not find it so
we suppose that he was
but wonded and the
rebles took him to some
of there hospittals when
we got to town I looked
over all the hospitals
that had our men in but
could not find him
they had gathered up
3 or 4 hundred of our men
that were wonded and
had them in 4 different
buildings well cared for
Corporal Deacon of Co. A was
the only one that saw
him fall he said he
caught him by the
over coat so he was falig

and he fel and he said
his neck was very
bloody the enemy was
close upon us and he
had not time to carry
him off so it still
remaines a mistery about
him the rest of the
boys was able to get off
of the field We fadin
got a flesh wound
on the right arm above
the elbo guinn got his
2 1/11 finger of the right
hand shot off John Argo
was struck about half
way between his knee
and hoddy the ball
struck his left leg in
front stightly cutting
it Ten severaly wonding

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right though not
hitching the home they
have all gone to nashville
where they will be taken
good care of Robinson
and titsworth were
both taken prisoners (whi
at the hospital with
there captain (who was
wonded and has since
died) robinson escaped
but titsworth remaines
a prisoner we forne the
loss of our friend (William)
are very lonesom without him
but it was gods will ~~and~~
he died like a patriot
while defending the dear
ld flag that our fathers
have died for he died
with a smile on his countenance
by gods support his friends in there
bereavement is all that I can
say as a brave and better
soldier never fell

he was loved by all his brother soldiers. I have a one dollar bill that I got out of his pocket which I will send to aunt lidie the first time I send away money home I have a lock of his hare I will send half of it this time and the rest when I write again I thought perhapse they would like to have it tell the to write to me and if there is any thing else they want to know concerning him to let me know

14 ~~our loss~~ the loss of
our battalion is 10 killed
74 wonded 2 of captains killed
one lieutenant wonded our
major was all so wonded
there are 17 noisen there
was over one hundred killed
of the 18th regulars our
brigade suffered dreadful
the major of the 19th regu
was killed major of the
16th regulars wonded gen
sill killed I have not heard
what our loss was I
think the enemy suffered I
worse than we did
it is reported that they
have fel back to Chatnooga
during the battle the
enemies cavalry got between
us and nashvill and cut off

our supplies buantom 15
trains and plaid
the dickens generaly
we had not any thing
to eate for 3 day but
parched corn and horse
flesh but little corn
I fried up a pane of horse
meate and henry and
I soon post it out of sight
it went booley
it is not to be grined
at by a man that has
no teeth
I have not had a letter from
you since we ~~was~~ left
Nohrill the maillwill
come thrue tomorrow
give my love to all
enquiring friends

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my best respects to
aunt Poley write as soon
as this comes to hand
during the battle gen
rose crance wrode along
the lines chearing his
men all the time
I saw him 6 or 8 times
during the day he is
just like a father to us
he talk to and of the boys
just as kind as a father
to his son now I close
for the pacesant your loving
son. Will J Carson Co E
15 40 U S Inft 1st Batt
brigade of regulars
Rousseaus Division
Murfreesboro tennessee