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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Camp Near Manchester, Tenn Feby. 9th, 63

Dear Mrs. Hall,

As an opportunity offers itself to send a letter through to you I conclude to write to you feeling it a duty to give you information in regard to Henry who you have doubtless been informed met his fate on the field of Murfreesboro. He was killed almost instantly by a cannon ball passing through both thighs severing his legs from his body on Friday the 2nd of January. It being almost dark and us being compelled to retire from the field I am sorry to say his body fell in the hands of the enemy. I did not see him myself after he was killed, we was separated during the battle. I heard he was killed before the battle was over and tried to recover his body but could not find it. I was very much grieved to leave him on the field but under the circumstances it could not be otherwise. Henry and myself have associated together for several years and I always found in him a kind and faithful friend. You can imagine, Mrs. Hall, how much I am grieved for him but we should not morn now he is dead, knowing it was the hand of God has cut him down, and I hope taken his soul from this world of sorrow to himself above where he may enjoy eternal bliss. You must not grieve for Henry but only think of the thousands of mothers in your condition made so by the implacable enemy who seeks to destroy our liberty and enslave us. Your son died a martyr nobling laying down his life for his country. He was a good boy and a good soldier and will ever live in the memory of his comrades whose fortunes it may be to survive this bloody war. I will close as I believe I have of which I know of the subject painful as it is for me to speak or even think of. Virgil was wounded slightly but has recovered entirely and is in good health.

From Yours Truly

H.F. Nuckols
4th KY.