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Mr. Donald Magee
Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Magee:

Thank you for sending me the Regimental Histories copy which contained a brief history of the 24th Kentucky.

I am sending you copies of two letters written by Captain Hedges of the 24th Kentucky. You will note the letter of November 20, 1862 carries the heading " Stone river Tenn". The Licking River the Captain compares Stone River to is in Kentucky.

The second letter carries a brief account of the battle of Stones River as reported by E. T. Mavity who was a member of the 23rd Kentucky. In the fourteenth line on the third page, Hedges refers to 31st Jan. as being the day of the battle. I am certain this is an error on the Captains part and what he meant was 31st December. Mavity and Hedges were friends before the war.

I hope these letters will be of interest to you. If I discover any other references to the Stones River battle I will send copies.

Thanks again for your time and information.

Respectfully,
Donald G. Richter
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Small a Regt,
m John B and
was at Galliton
les from hear
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was well I
from Jas. of the
a Lesington Ky
is in the 14th
avelry.
w when we will
think we have
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weeks
e you soon but
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sta hear and command
t I will sta til I cam
ever yours S. T. Hedges

Stone River Tenn, Nov, 20th 1862

My Dearest

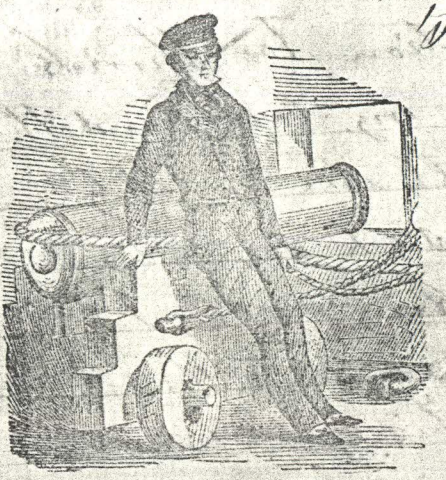
I am in
Modrate helth to day I am
better some than I have bin
we come to this place to
day this River is a vary pritty
stream near the sise of
Licking we are ten miles
from Nashville it dose not
look as tho we will have
a engasment soon the Rebs
are some distance off
I received a sweete letter dated
Nov. 10th four days since it is
the are four I have got since
I left Lewisville I got one
that was written in Aug.
now if I knew wheather my
resignation would be excepted
are not I could give you a

direct answer in regard to
going North but I do nont
feel satisfied for you to travel
alone so I will sa for you to
sta whare you are til you hear
again I can not contrive what
you will do with the horses
unless you can sell them the
grey mare I sent to Mt Sterling
I know you will want to
keepe her she is a fine rider
tho she is not very excellant
fine she is are aught be at
James Anderson's tho I have not
bin informed of her getting
thare when I heare that she
is thare I will let you know
I may get him to ceap her
til I get hom my officers
are not going to let me out
if they can help it Col.

is commanding the Regt.
Col. Grigsby is commanding
a Brigade Hurt said he
would ~~one~~ endorce my resignation
in a few days but he would
rather wait as he was trying
to get us back to Ky. again
and if our resignations went
up it would foile his plane
but I know they will not
let him go for thare has
bin something of the sort
ever since we was at Corinth
the fact is the Regt. has
gon down to a mere Co.
and he knowes if we
resigen the Regt. will be
thrown to a nothe and he
will go out of command the
he said if they did not
do something he would

58th Ind. and 23ord Ky. had not
bin thare the rebels would
hav driven our forces across
the coumberland as I have seen
fighting dun up before now I
feel the force of the statement
after the fight the Col.
of the 69th Ohio rode up and
asked what Regt they told him
23ord Ky. he said he wished
he was 23ord Ky. D. he gives
Ma J. Hambrick great prais
as a cool brave and daring
man Hambrick was in comand
at that battle
we will go south in a day
are too most likely to
Franklin it is likely we
will have a warme time of
it about Chadanooga if not
before I have written anuff
without it was more edifying
ever yours J. D. Hedges
Mylie

camp near Nashville
Feb. 18th 1862



OUR GUNBOAT BOYS.

my Darling
I was
blessed with
the presence of
a sweete little
mesenger stating
you was safe home
again it was a soothing mesenger
to me I had become wary waiting
to hear from you your letter
had bin sent to head quarters
and la thare severel days before
I got it now this is a beutiful
suney day it looks like spring
with its glorious beuty had
come again to bless the earth
it agitates a lively spark in
my gloomey sperits for to some
extent I feel gloomey to see my
wonest great country in its

fallen condition to think
the land of my burth and those
I love above all else earthly in
the power of sich desprados as
range the licking valley I hear
of their savage conduct then I
hear of them being captured and
treated as men of first princeple
I feel that they ought to be hanged
to the first limb and made to
feel the strenth of sitch war
fair but anuff I feel like I
do not know what to do the
Regt that was the 24th is no more
I have no prospect of getting out
as the Col. will not agree to
let us out as he is looking for
a Brigadeer ship if he lets
us out of course it will have
afect on his asperations
I got a letter from Will

he is well at Galliton
Tennasee John I got a letter
from E T Mavity his letter
was well composed but very
profane he described the the
fight at stone river with the
most desperate language he
said the northen troopes run
like a pack of cowards with
but few exceptions he said
he had seen the long paper
accounts of vallar attached to
Regtments that he seen run
with his own eyse on the 31st Jan. the
Rewsaw Division run with the
exception of the 3ard Ky. ~~xxx~~
the ohio troops runing thrue
the 23ord Ky. whitch formed
the 2nd line on that day the
buckeys disperced without
firing he said that if the 3ard Ky.