

Letters of Loyal B. Wort 21st Ohio Infantry

Introduction

Corpus of American Civil War Letters OH1-02, Loyal B. Wort

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Loyal Barber Wort was born on December 6, 1830 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. When he was two years old, his family moved to Delaware County, Ohio and in 1848 settled in Hicksville, Defiance County. Wort became a shoemaker and married Susan G. Hendershot in 1853. They eventually had eight children. Loyal Wort served three years as a drummer in Co. E, 21st Ohio Inf. He died on April 30, 1893.

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Jefferson (located at Elizabethtown, Kentucky)

Jany the 19th 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure that i [sic] again take my pen in hand to inform you that i [sic] am well at this time and cincerely [sic] hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our loved ones the Same i [sic] recieved [sic] your letter to day of the 14 which brought me the [illegible] word that [illegible] and little louisa [sic] ware [sic] quite unwell it done me a grate [sic] eel [sic] of good to here [sic] from you but sorry to learn that two of our darlings ware [sic] sick it makes me feel verry [sic] bad to learn that anny [sic] of you are sick it makes me feel a wanting to come home with you but this must wait for untill [sic] i [sic] can get a furlow [sic] the Lieutenant told me that he would give me a furlow [sic] after we are paid of [sic] again but then i [sic] will hav [sic] to get the Colonel to sine [sic] it and then the brigadier General and then the division General and then i [sic] will hav [sic] to get General bewel [sic] and if they all Sine [sic] it then i [sic] can come home and See my loved ones and bewel [sic] is in louisville [sic] i [sic] could get him to Sine [sic] it as it would bee [sic] on my way i [sic] hav [sic] not Said anny [sic] thing about it to anny [sic] of our boys for it would make Some of them want to go to [sic] and they mite [sic] get a head of me i [sic] will get furlow [sic] if i [sic] posably [sic] can nothing would do me more good than to hav [sic] the privelage [sic] of once more Seeing you and our dear ones once more we are Still at bacon creek [sic] and i [sic] dont [sic] now [sic] how long we will Stay but i [sic] think that we will not leve [sic] here for Some time i [sic] got a letter yesterday from James and he Said that they ware [sic] all well and i [sic] got a letter today from allen [sic] [illegible] he rights [sic] to me pretty often i [sic] Should like to hav [sic] seen Joseph houser [sic] when he was out their [sic] you said he was a nice young man did he say anny [sic] thing about that piece of land that billy [sic] lives on down in the woods you Said that i [sic] must tell you what i [sic] think of your letter i [sic] think it is a verry good

letter it does me good to read it you said that that you could not hardly read my last letter and that i [sic] must hav [sic] been trubled [sic] when i [sic] rote [sic] it that is a fact i [sic] was trubled [sic] then but you must excuse my weakness you Said that my being abcent [sic] caused you a grateel [sic] of trubble [sic] and as i [sic] love you all dearly it give me a grateel [sic] of trubble [sic] at that time but your last letter does me a grateel [sic] of good and makes me feel better it makes me feel [illwgible] sad to now [sic] that you are in trubble [sic] with your letter J ust a fiew [sic] days a go [sic] and i [sic] sent in it a letter to Sis and Eugene their [sic] is nothing of anny [sic] importance happened here Since i [sic] last rote [sic] you dave [sic] thorton [sic] Stands the Soldiers [sic] life verry [sic] well the boys are all well with a fiew [sic] exceptions

[written upside down at top of page one] the people here think it will soon close

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you must tell me what the opinion of the people their [sic] is on the war and wether [sic] they think it will soon close

Loyal Work to Susan Wort

Camp Jefferson Ky

Feb the 3 1862

Dearest and beloved wife it is with much pleasure that i [sic] again take my pen in hand to let you no [sic] that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and do cincerely [sic] hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our dear ones the Same i [sic] recieved [sic] two letters from you yesterday and was glad to learn that you ware [sic] all well and in one i [sic] found eight postage Stamps i [sic] return you my thanks for them they came in good time i [sic] ondy [sic] had five onhand [sic] and no money to buy anny [sic] more with you wanted me to get my likeness taken but their [sic] is noone [sic] here that take them so you will hav [sic] to wait untill [sic] i [sic] can get a chance you wanted me to tell you how i [sic] liked your long letters i [sic] answer i [sic] liked it verry [sic] mutch [sic] and was glad to learn that righting [sic] to me cured the headache for you i [sic] hope that you will right [sic] to me every time you get the headache i [sic] Just sent you a letter the day before i [sic] got your letter and i [sic] Sent you Some verses you must tell me how you like them i [sic] think they are verry [sic] nice and i [sic] could not hardly right [sic] them without crying they are so tutching [sic] to a man that is So far from his home and his loved ones at home i [sic] would like to Se [sic] you and the children derly [sic] you are constantly in my mind and last knight [sic] i [sic] dreamed of you and the children oh that my dream could be realised [sic] i [sic] would do me more good than anny [sic] thing else in this world you and the children are all in this world to me i [sic] love you derly [sic] better than my Self I [sic] loved you from the first time i [sic] Saw you and determined to make you mine and Still cherish that love in my hart [sic] and i [sic] no [sic] that you love me and that makes me happy but it would be heaven on earth to me to be at home with you a gain [sic] i [sic] am tired of a soldiers [sic] life you told the truth when you said that you would bet that if i [sic] would tell the truth i [sic] would Say that i [sic] was tired of war after i [sic] get out of this Scrape i [sic] will take your

advice you can see [sic] further a head [sic] than i can i [sic] will Send you Some money as Soon as we get our pay and then you must help as much [sic] as you want dont [sic] rob your Self to pay anny [sic] boddy [sic] for that is more than they would do for you i [sic] dont [sic] want you to starve your self [sic] to pay anny [sic] boddy [sic] i [sic] sent you a song in this letter it is the red white and blue you must learn it to Sis so that She can sing it for me when i [sic] come home [illegible] creek we hav [sic] had a grateel [sic] of rain here this winter and it is araining [sic] here to day [sic] and it is verry [sic] muddy and cold and disagreeable [sic] the hicksville [sic] boys are all well there is one drummer and fifer has to Stay at the gard [sic] quarters [illegible] every day and i [sic] hav [sic] to stay there to day [sic] as drummer John galliher [sic] is on gard [sic] to day [sic] as ondy [sic] [illegible] at the gard [sic] quarters every [2 illegible words] ondy [sic] about ten at a time and at knight [sic] i [sic] can come to my tent and go to Sleep [sic] and the gards [sic] hav [sic] to stay up all knight [sic] and get no Sleep [sic]

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a musician has the easiest [sic] times i [sic] would rather drum for 12 than [Note: a musician was paid twelve dollars a month] be a private and get 13 [Note: a private was paid thirteen dollars a month]

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Adams

Bolen [sic] green [sic] Ky

Feb the 17th 1862 [Bowling Green]

Dear and beloved wife it [sic] is with much [sic] pleasure that i [sic] again embrace the presant [sic] oppertunity [sic] to pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you the Same i [sic] rote you when we left bacon creek and i [sic] did not know then that we ware [sic] a going to move i [sic] rote [sic] on Sondag [sic] and on Sondag [sic] knight [sic] we got orders to move and we got reddy [sic] and Started on monday [sic] morning before Sun rise and went to green river [sic] and Staid [sic] their [sic] two days and then Started for bowling green [sic] a distance of 59 miles and we marched it in less than 2 days and arrived at bolen [sic] green [sic] and fired 60 Shells in to the town and the rebbles [sic] run and left the town but they fired the depo [sic] and railroad buildings and a grate [sic] eel [sic] of the town and all of their army Stores they had the place well fortified they are a Set of cowards they fell back to nashville [sic] a distance of 72 miles they had two trains loaded with Stores and they burned the cars and all and they burnt the bridge acrost [sic] the big barren river [sic] and also the railroad bridge but i [sic] suppose that you will get the news before this reaches you for i [sic] dont [sic] no [sic] how Soon i [sic] can Send this but i [sic] will right [sic] it and hav [sic] it reddy [sic] to Send the first oppertuntiy [sic] the cars will run here in a fiew [sic] days i [sic] recieved [sic] a letter from you to day [sic] and was glad to here [sic] from you once more and glad to learn that you are all in good health we are now encamped in the town of bowling green [sic]

i [sic] will Send a union brest [sic] pin in this for al [sic] i [sic] sent a Shell in my last and told you to give it to esta [sic] and give hurs [sic] to all [sic] if you hav [sic] done it you can give this to esta [sic] and if not you will give this to all [sic] and i [sic] send you a little rebble [sic] money it is sutch [sic] as the rebbles [sic] used i [sic] got it in bolen green [sic] you must keep it as a keep Sake i [sic] donot [sic] know how long we will Stay here i [sic] think we will go from here to nashville [sic] tenasee [sic] the boys are all well and in good Spirets [sic] i [sic] think the people will all be surprised when they get the news of the capture of bolen green [sic] without a fight the rebbles [sic] never fired a gun at us tell Sis that i [sic] was glad to get a letter from hur [sic] tell her She must right [sic] as often as [illegible] She can and be a good girl and mind hur [sic] ma and tell eugene [sic] and atta [sic] they must be good children and i [sic] will bring them Something nice when I [sic] come you must give me all the war news i [sic] must bring my letter to a close direct to camp Adams bowlen [sic] green [sic] good by [sic] for this time right [sic] soon

L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Andrew Jackson,

Feb. the 26th. 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure that i [sic] sit my Self down to pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know that i am well at presant [sic] and hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our dear ones in the Same State of health i [sic] rote [sic] you from bolen green [sic] and Since that time we hav [sic] moved on to within 3 miles of nashville [sic] tenasee [sic] the rebbles [sic] hav [sic] retreated and left the place we will go in to the citty [sic] in a fiew [sic] days we hav [sic] had a march of 75 miles and we marched it in 3 days and we had nothing Scarcely to eat we would just eat dry crackers for our breckfast [sic] and the same for our dinner and for supper we would hav [sic] dinner warmed [illegible] over but we [illegible](it without mutch [sic] dificulty [sic] when we left bolen green [sic] we left several of our company [2 illegible words] of them i [sic] think ware [sic] Sick but Some of them i [sic] think plaid [sic] of [sic] they thought we would hav [sic] a battle here bill henery [sic] [Npte: Cpl. (later Lt.) William J. Henry of Co. E] begged a chance to Stay he is a coward we havent [sic] Spoke to him Since he [illegible] back and i [sic] hav [sic] [2 illegible words] with him and I would look [illegible] verry [sic] plasent [sic] and you [illegible] know how plasant [sic] i [sic] would be [illegible] him Evans was sent to Elizabeth town to [Note: probably Pvt. James M. Evans of Co. E] the hospital i [sic] hope that i [sic] never will hav [sic] an occasion to go to the hospital i think it is not a verry [sic] desireable [sic] place to go to i [sic] got a letter from you whilst we ware [sic] at bolen green [sic] i [sic] think this war will soon bee [sic] over i [sic] suppose you hav [sic] heard of the grate [sic] victory at fort donelson [sic] our men took 15,000 prisnors [sic] our mess are all well but one and that is thomas [sic] R Jacobs a boy from [Note: Pvt. Thomas R. Jacobs of Co. E] fort wayne [sic] he is a good boy him and me Slep [sic] to gether [sic] he is well acquainted with

John wort [sic] when i [sic] get back we will go up to fort wayne [sic] and se [sic] them and go to Edgertons and Stay in fort wayne [sic] a day or to [sic] and then you can get you and the children Some new dresses our capten [sic] is not with us yet i [sic] cant [sic] Send letters as often as i [sic] would like to there is no mall [sic] carried here by the united states [sic] and they hav [sic] to Send a man to carry the mail but as soon as they get the rail road repaired then their [sic] will be a daily mail if you don't [sic] get a letter once a weak [sic] you must not blaim [sic] me it wont [sic] be my falt [sic] i [sic] Shall right [sic] as often as i [sic] can get a chance to Send them tennaSee [sic] is a verry [sic] nice countrey [sic] i [sic] think it is a head of kentuckey [sic] there is aplenty [sic] of good water here we are camped in a nice grove in a feald [sic] there is lots of negroes here they Seam [sic] to be the natcheral [sic] product of the countrey [sic] i [sic] Saw fifty seven at one house including old and young the rebbles [sic] here Says that we treat them better [illegible] the wether [sic] here is warm and pleasant and the people are comenceing [sic] to do their Springs work this is down in dixey [sic] we hav [sic] 15000 with us and last knight [sic] i [sic] learned that the gun boats had come up the cumberland river [sic] with 13 boats and 15 thousand troops if we move from here we will hav [sic] an army of one hundred and 30,000 men and we will clear out the countrey [sic] as we go and Soon get threw [sic] with it i [sic] must mend my pants to day [sic] i [sic] wish you was here to mend them or rather i [sic] wish i [sic] was their [sic] So that you could mend them a man that exchanges the comforts of home for a Soldiers [sic] life he aint [sic] Smart i [sic] often wish i [sic] could get Some of your cooking it would bee [sic] quite a treat you Said in your letter that you was a going to Send us Some chickens and bread if you hav [sic] not Sent it dont [sic] Send it for i [sic] donot [sic] think that we would get it as we are on the march every fiew [sic] days but if you hav [sic] sent it we will hav [sic] to run the risk of getting it dave thornton [sic] is all the time a [illegible] he is a [Note: Pvt. David Thornton of Co. E] lazy pup and he thinks Soldiering is to [sic] hard for him he is to [sic] lazy for a Soldier but dont [sic] you Say anny [sic] thing to [illegible] a bout it i [sic] sent you a rebble [sic] [illegible] in my last letter [illegible] a Shell [2 illegible words] or [illegible] is send you a rebble [sic] postage Stamp in this letter is has been used but you can see how they look i [sic] got holt [sic] of a letter that it was on it their [sic] was two on it they ware [sic] both five cent ones it costs ten cents to Send a letter as far in the Southern confederacy as three cents will in the united [sic] States i [sic] give one of them to John galleher [sic] to Send to his wife [Note: Pvt. John F. Gallaher of Co. E] tell Sis and eugene [sic] that they must bee [sic] good children and mind their ma and rite [sic] me a letter when you right [sic] to me you will direct to Nashville tenna See [sic] give my love to all enquireing [sic] friends

remember me when this you See
or think i [sic] hav [sic] forgotten the [sic]

From your drummer boy in tenna See [sic] good by loved one for this time

my preyr [sic] is that this war will Soon be over for i [sic] want to see you [illegible] and [illegible] little darlings

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.
Col. J. S. Norton
Co. E

Camp Taylor Huntsville Ala

May the 6th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure That i [sic] again take my pen in hand to let you know that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and the children the same i [sic] have not gotten aletter [sic] from you for a month and i [sic] am very anctious [sic] to here [sic] from you the rebbles [sic] attacted [sic] our mail train the other day which conSisted [sic] of Seven wagons and they captured the train and destroyed our mail an [sic] i [sic] think imust [sic] hav [sic] had Some letters in that [illegible] i [sic] am out of Stamps and hav [sic] been for Some time but i [sic] hav [sic] manged [sic] to borrow of the other boys to send Some fower [sic] or five letters and i [sic] will hav [sic] to borrow to Send this one i [sic] must right [sic] as often as ther [sic] is a chance to Send it makes me feel verry [sic] lonley [sic] when i [sic] donot [sic] get aletter [sic] for So long atime [sic] from the best and dearest friend that i [sic] hav [sic] in this world and the one that is all to me but i [sic] cannot think that it is anny [sic] fault of yours for i [sic] believe you right [sic] to me every week and i [sic] right [sic] as often as the mail goes out our regament [sic] was provost gards [sic] to gard [sic] the town of huntsville [sic] and they acted in that capacity awhile and then they feared anatact [sic] on the east end of the railroad and then they ware [sic] Sent out about Sixty miles to the Junction of the nashville [sic] and chattanuga [sic] railroad with the memphis [sic] and charleston [sic] this is the road that runs threw [sic] this place they run out on th [sic] cars well they stayed this one knight [sic] and then came back to this place and then our regament [sic] was appointed to gard [sic] the town a gain [sic] So we are not in So mutch [sic] danger and dont [sic] hav [sic] the hard martching [sic] that others will hav [sic] iwish [sic] this ungodly war was over and i [sic] at home with you and our darlings for i [sic] do want to See you So bad i [sic] will Send a little pearl ring that i [sic] made i [sic] think it will fit Sis tell the children that would like to bee [sic] at home and play with them tell them that they must bee [sic] good to their ma and mind what She tells them and when i come home i [sic] will by [sic] them Something nice tell me wether [sic] you got the last twenty dollars that i [sic] Sent you their [sic] is two months pay [illegible] us at this time [illegible] is well the wether [sic] here is verry [sic] rainey [sic] this is monday [sic] i [sic] suppose yesterday was a lonsom [sic] day to you it would domy [sic] verry [sic] Soul good to Spend those days with you right [sic] often dear one direct to Huntsville Ala

no more at presant [sic] but remain asever [sic] you affectionate husband till deth [sic]

L.B Wort To
S.G. Wort

good by [sic] for this time

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Huntsville Ala

May 11th 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure that i again [sic] take my pen in hand to pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and cincerely [sic] hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our dear ones the Same i [sic] hav [sic] knot [sic] had a letter from you for over amonth [sic] and ibegin [sic] to feel verry [sic] uneasy about you it is a long time Since i [sic] hav [sic] heard from you this is Sondag [sic] and i [sic] Suppose it is a long lonsom [sic] day to you it is verry lonsom [sic] to me ohow [sic] i [sic] would like to bee [sic] free again and bee [sic] at home with you nothing but deth [sic] would sepperate [sic] us i [sic] think i [sic] know how to appretiate [sic] the comfarts [sic] of home i [sic] hate this war business every day that i [sic] am in the Service the time Seams [sic] Solong [sic] Since i [sic] last Saw you i [sic] Should like to bee [sic] their [sic] to make garden for you and fixup the lot i thaught [sic] when i [sic] enlisted that the war would bee [sic] over by this time but i [sic] donot [sic] think know [sic] that we will hav [sic] to make out the year the people here think that it will knot [sic] last long Since our men hav [sic] got yorktown [sic] and new orleans [sic] and mobile [sic] they are fairly whipped but they are to [sic] mean to give up their [sic] is ripe cherries and mulburies [sic] and Strawburies [sic] here know their [sic] a fellow [sic] a going home on a discharge he will Start next tuesday [sic] and i [sic] am going to Send this with him to Some postofice [sic] in ohio [sic] whare [sic] he will mail it and you will get it direct their [sic] is no regularity about the mail going out here or coming in i [sic] Sent you one by mail last monday [sic] you must tell me which one you get first i [sic] Suppose you dont [sic] get [illegible] letters verry [sic] regular Since we have gotten down in alabama [sic] but it is knot [sic] my falt [sic] i [sic] right [sic] regular but it makes me feel bad to think that i [sic] cant [sic] get a letter from my best and nearest friend but it is knot [sic] your falt [sic] for you right [sic] every week ile [sic] bet the rebbles [sic] captured our mail once and i [sic] think they destroyed some letters for me but i [sic] Shall live in hopes i [sic] donot [sic] think our regament [sic] will ever See another battle we are Still at huntsville [sic] and i [sic] think we will Stay here Some time i [sic] will Send you Some of the alabama [sic] roses they are the prettyest [sic] roses that ever i [sic] Saw if i [sic] was coming direct home from here i [sic] would you some flour [sic] roots of nice variety [sic] that dont [sic] grow their [sic] the people here begin to like us better than they did they Say that they hate to havus [sic] goaway [sic] and they are verry [sic] friendly the wether [sic] here is verry [sic] warm give my love to the children

and all enquireing [sic] friends direct to Huntsville Alabama no more at this time but remain as ever your affectionate husband untill [sic] deth [sic]

L. B. Wort to

Susan G. Wort

soon goodby [sic] for this time hopeing [sic] to meet

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Ala

May the 18th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure that i [sic] again take my pen in hand to let you know that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and the children the Same it has been a long time Since i [sic] recieved [sic] a letter from you and it makes me feel verry [sic] uneassy [sic] aletter [sic] from you would do me more good than money and to See you and the children would bee [sic] grate [sic] Joy for me but i [sic] think by the fourth of July we will all bee [sic] at home our army is whipping them at every point and i [sic] think they will soon give up they are fairly whiped [sic] and england [sic] and france [sic] has advised them to give it up [illegible] the 20 this morning Still finds me well we hav [sic] had a fine show [illegible] here Since i [sic] commenced this epistal [sic] the rumer [sic] in camp this morning that [illegible] is taken by our troops if this is correct we hav [sic] ondy [sic] to take corrinth [sic] the whole of the mississpi [sic] river is [illegible] knows and avery [sic] Short time will hav [sic] them whiped or Surrendered in corrinth [sic] we are Still at hunstville [sic] we are encamped in town in the yard of the green acadamy [sic] and we occupy the buildings for the head quarters of the regament [sic] for the colonel and the doctor and the comesary [sic] the colonel has his wife with him here She has been here about two weeks She is knot [sic] agood [sic] loking [sic] women atall [sic] dave thorton [sic] has knot [sic] came up with the regament [sic] yet he is a brave Soldier abaswood [sic] man all he wants is the money and lay around the rest of the hicksville [sic] boys are all well i [sic] believe i [sic] suppose you had fine wether [sic] their [sic] know [sic] you must give my love to the children tell me wether [sic] you got that last twenty dollars that i [sic] sent you or not if you got that it is Seventy dollars that i [sic] hav [sic] Sent you i [sic] sent louisa miller [sic] a letter when i [sic] Sent you the last one before this i [sic] got one from hur [sic] the day before i [sic] rote [sic] and She Said they ware all well She Said they hurd [sic] that the 21 regament [sic] ware [sic] in the fight at corinth [sic] but they ware rongly [sic] informed She Said they hav [sic] a verry [sic] wet backwerd [sic] Spring and their [sic] was but verry [sic] little wheat Sown their [sic] i [sic] told them they had better move to ohio [sic] that they could do better their [sic] than they could on the paria [sic] She Said that corn was ondy [sic] twelve cents a bushel and other things

in proportion and dry goods and groceries ware verry [sic] high John bain [sic] is married [sic] to that [illegible] girl that he useto [sic] wait on i [sic] rote [sic] to her to tell me how Stantons [sic] girls got along and if they had hurd [sic] from old Jerry She Said that bill [sic] Stanton had lost another one of their children we hav [sic] nothing to livon [sic] but pork and crackers and coffee and Sugar and i [sic] think that is rather poor living you will direct you [sic] letter to huntsville [sic] alabama [sic] i [sic] hav [sic] not got aletter [sic] from you yet i [sic] will hav [sic] to get this letter counter signed by the colonel for i [sic] am out of Stamps and their [sic] is none here and it will come threw [sic] and then you will hav [sic] to pay the postage isent [sic] in one of my l letters a little ring that i [sic] made i [sic] hav [sic] gotten you a Splendid pair of Shears i [sic] will fetch them when i [sic] come good by [sic] for this time

L.B. Wort To S.G. Wort my best friend

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.
Col. J. S. Norton
Co. E

Camp near athens [sic] ala [sic]

May the 29th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch [sic] pleasure that iagain [sic] take my pen in hand to inform you that i [sic] am well at presant [sic] and hop [sic] those fiew [sic] lines will find you all in the Same State of health we hav [sic] moved from huntsville [sic] to this place a distance of 25 miles this is a county Seat but not So large as huntsville [sic] nor So prety [sic] a place it is on a railroad that runs to nashville [sic] and intersects with the road that runs threw [sic] huntsvile [sic] that is the memphis [sic] and charleston [sic] it runs from charleston [sic] South carolina [sic] to memphis [sic] tennessee [sic] their [sic] is every prospect of a Sped [sic] peace ican [sic] ondy [sic] Say god [sic] grant it that day would bee [sic] the happyest [sic] period of my life when peace is made and i [sic] Shall grasp your hand and embrace you and the children and know that i [sic] am free and can dwell in peace with you then we can enJoy [sic] our Selves [sic] and nothing but death Shall Seperate [sic] us again this countrey [sic] arround [sic] here is not So nice as it is at huntsville [sic] the people here are begining [sic] to form a pretty good opinion of the yankies [sic] they call us all yankies [sic] they Say they wish that their relatives ware [sic] at home they say that they think the ohio [sic] boys are Jentleman [sic] and at huntsville [sic] the citisins [sic] Said that they hated to See us go away the rebbles [sic] take anny [sic] thing that they want that the people hav [sic] and pay nothing for it the Southern Scrip [sic] is not good fornthing [sic] here the people wont [sic] take it them Selves they know that it aint [sic] good for nothing and the rebble [sic] papers Say that their case is gone and i [sic] dont [sic] See what they are fighting for now the other day their [sic] ware [sic] Seven cesesh [sic] Soldiers came to our lines on

their way home and they Said that their time was out and that the whole regament [sic] would bee [sic] threw [sic] here in a few [sic] days they ware [sic] from corinth [sic] i [sic] havnot [sic] had a letter from you for two months and that is agood [sic] while to wait for a letter from So dear a friend my best earthly friend o how i [sic] long to See you and the children it is a long time Since i [sic] Saw you and i [sic] Suppose you think So to [sic] i [sic] didnt [sic] think when i [sic] enlisted that we would hav [sic] to Stay longer than Six months and it is nine months Since we hav [sic] been drawing pay their [sic] is three months [sic] pay due us now i [sic] donot [sic] See the resin [sic] that i [sic] dont [sic] get letters the hicksville [sic] letters donot [sic] come threw [sic] the farmer boys gets letters the hicksville [sic] boys are all well and in good spirets [sic] our camp is within one fourth of a mile of town ithaught [sic] last fall that i [sic] Should bee [sic] at home in time to make garden for you but it Seams [sic] that could not bee [sic] you must kiss the children for me and tell them that pa Still loves them tell them to bee good children and mind their ma imust [sic] quit my Scribbleing [sic] for this time excuse poor righting [sic] and bad spelling direct to Athens Ala good by [sic] for this time from L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort the one that is all

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

[printed at the top of the page]
21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.
Col. J. S. Norton
Co. E

remember me when this
you see nor think i [sic] have
forgotten the loved
one at home

Camp in the woods

eight miles from athens [sic] Ala

June the 7th 1862

Dear and beloved wife iagain [sic] take up my pen tolet [sic] you know whare [sic] iam [sic] and how iam [sic] getting along iam [sic] well and in good health irecieved [sic] a letter from you today and was glad to here [sic] from you again and to learn that you ware [sic] all well for it would give me grate [sic] trouble to know that anny [sic] of you ware [sic] sick and i [sic] couldnot [sic] come and see you you [sic] letter brought mournful intelgance [sic] to me in the deth [sic] a beloved SiSter [sic] this was verry unexSpected [sic] news to me some two or three weeks ago i [sic] had a dream about sutch [sic] high water and i [sic] thought then that iwould [sic] hear of the deth [sic] of Some of my friends and it caused me a grate [sic] del [sic] of trubble [sic] i [sic] was affraid [sic] that it would bee [sic] some of you if you Should dy [sic] whilst i [sic] am in the army my peace and happiness in the world would bee [sic] at an end for you and the children was [crossed out] are the ondy [sic] ones that can ever possess my hart [sic] in

this world you Said that had walked to new ville [sic] [Note: Newville, Indiana, a few miles NW of Hicksville] i [sic] think that you are a learning to bee [sic] a soldier and learning to march [sic] you ought to hav [sic] hired a conveyance to go with i [sic] dont [sic] want you to make a drudge of your self [sic] to save money i [sic] love you better than i [sic] do money and can Spare that better than you you will make your Self Sick in that way i [sic] am afraid donot [sic] over exirt [sic] your Self to save money the [illegible] letter that you Sent with math [sic] Scot i [sic] never got yet the one that you Sent with the foure [sic] Stamps in and they came verry [sic] good itell [sic] you and the one igot [sic] today had Seven Stamps in and i [sic] am verry [sic] thankful to you for them you wanted me to come home when we are paid of [sic] again i [sic] will come if i [sic] can get a furlow [sic] and if i [sic] dont [sic] come you will know that it is knot [sic] my falt [sic] for i [sic] want to See you So bad it would do me a grateeel [sic] of good to bee [sic] with you a fiew [sic] days and get you Some wood choped [sic] you must hire your wood chopped and donot [sic] chopit [sic] your Self it is to mutch [sic] for you ishould [sic] like to bee [sic] free from this war and at home and i [sic] would tell them of their promasess [sic] to keep you in wood the lying pups after this i [sic] will take your advise [sic] i [sic] think that you can see further ahead than i [sic] can and i [sic] will always do as you want me to do you must forgive me this time i [sic] hartly [sic] repent and ask your forgivness [sic] we are to bee [sic] paid off next week this is Satterday [sic] tomorrow will bee [sic] a lonsom [sic] day with you i [sic] wish i [sic] could bee [sic] their [sic] to spend the day with you i [sic] havnot [sic] got a letter from John Since we left nashville [sic] you must right [sic] often as you can to me i [sic] right [sic] every week that short furlow [sic] that you spoke of is not So good as along [sic] one they ondy [sic] do mischief

LB Wort to SG Wort

[At the top of pages two and three, upside down]
you must kiss the children for me give my love to them

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

you can will give that square [illegible] ring to my mother

Camp on Swancreek [sic]

eight miles above Athens Ala.

Aug the 3rd 1862

Dear and beloved wife it gives me pleasure to bee [sic] able to pen a fiew [sic] thoughts to you and to inform you that i [sic] am well at this time irote [sic] you last Sunday [sic] and Sent you three dollars in the letter britton [sic] Just got here this [Note: Sgt. Finley Britton of Co. E] morning i [sic] hav [sic] not Said mutch [sic] to him yet [illegible] he tells the boys that he was detailed to Stay at lewisville [sic] ihavnever [sic] told the boys anny [sic] thing aboutit [sic] for i [sic] didnt [sic] want his wife to here it i [sic] will send

you two rings in this letter and Sis one these little presants [sic] you must take and prise [sic] them for the givers [sic] Sake tell Sis that i [sic] will Send hur [sic] another one and one to Eugene and one to atta [sic] the boys we all well and in good spirets [sic] breuster [sic] has got his commition [sic] as [Note: Capt. Lewis E. Brewster of Co. E] capten [sic] of the company and cheney [sic] [Note: Lt. Samuel F. Cheney of Co. E] as first lieutenant and John Berry is second and that is all the promotions that is made yet but their [sic] is more to bee [sic] made yet the boys all likes breuster [sic] firstrate [sic] he is good to them Since he is capten [sic] i [sic] think that we will Stay here Some time yet we got orders this morning to buind larger fortifications and fix up winter quarters and that dont [sic] look mutch [sic] like leaving here verry [sic] Soon well that Soots [sic] me firstrate [sic] if the rest will do the fighting we will gard [sic] the bridges and glad to get the chance we are living rather poor at this time we are on half rations and i [sic] think that it is Scarce anuff [sic] at full rations it seeams [sic] hard after beeing [sic] at home and having plenty to eat itell [sic] you it went hard with me to leave home and all that is dear to me in this world to me but we must hope and prey [sic] for the best keep in good spirets [sic] for you and the children is all that makes life agreable [sic] to me you must right [sic] to me as often as you can and iwill [sic] do the Same and tell me how your wood holds out [illegible] i [sic] rote [sic] John aletter [sic] last week i [sic] will right allen [sic] afiew [sic] lines and Send in this letter iwent [sic] out this morning and got Some ripe peaches i [sic] wish i [sic] could Send you Some of them i [sic] know you would like them we hav [sic] killed two sheep the other day and it went pretty good we will knot [sic] Starve if they do put us down on half rations you must excuse my Short letter you know that i [sic] cant [sic] right [sic] a long one and isuppose [sic] you will get tired a reading my poor Scribbeling [sic] but it is a grate [sic] sattisfaction [sic] to me that i can read and right [sic] atall [sic] we made clabboards [sic] and covered our Shanty Since i [sic] came back their [sic] was Some of the fourteenth boys Staid [sic] with us the other knight [sic] they live at antwerp [sic] one was al [sic] tanner [sic] bill [sic] tanners [sic] boy no more at presant [sic] but remain as ever your affectionate husband till deth [sic]

L.B. Wort To S.G. Wort
direct to athens [sic] ala [sic]

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Nashville Tennessee [sic]

Sept 11th 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the gratest [sic] of pleasure that iagain [sic] pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know that iam [sic] well at presant [sic] and cincerely [sic] hop [sic] those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our loved ones the same i [sic] hav [sic] ritten [sic] you once Since we got here in which i [sic] gave you an account of a Scurmish [sic] we had whilst coming to this place on the cars we ware [sic] attacted [sic] by a party of bushwhackers numbering in all about three hundred their [sic] was three companys [sic] of ours and two of the 12 illinois [sic] the [2 illegible words] the track and some

[illegible] train of the track they had [2 illegible words] them selves [sic] in acornfield [sic] about four rods from the track They then opened fire on us and Killed three and wounded Six there was one man killed [sic] out each company David thornton [sic] was killed out of our company and [illegible] mullix [sic] is mising [sic] i think [sic] that [illegible] right in whare [sic] the rebbles [sic] ware [sic] and ware [sic] taken prisnor [sic] when the rebbles [sic] fired our men all [illegible] of of [sic] the cars to git [sic] reddy [sic] to shoot and isuppose [sic] the foolish thing thought they ware [sic] all a [illegible] and so he run Some of the [illegible] him run their [sic] was none [illegible] company wounded ithink [sic] i [sic] will Send this by bill [sic] britton [sic] the band of the 38 is discharged and are agoing [sic] home bill [sic] was here yesterday you Said in your last letter that Should tell you how manny [sic] letters ihav [sic] got from you i [sic] hav [sic] got three igot [sic] two at once day before yesterday and it done me agrate [sic] rel [sic] of good to read a letter from you again you Spoke about [illegible] Scrups [sic] you wanted to know wether [sic] he was taken out of the bed with hur [sic] or not i [sic] donot [sic] know that i [sic] had gone to bed before he did but he wanted to go to bed with hur [sic] you may know for he told the landlord that She was his wife you may not be affaid [sic] that iwill [sic] ever get in anny [sic] Sutch [sic] idonot [sic] assotiate [sic] with Sutch [sic] company i [sic] hav [sic] to [sic] mutch [sic] respect for you and the children you are the ondy [sic] one that i [sic] love in this world i [sic] will Send you two dollars in this letter tell Sis and [illegible] their letter and i [sic] (crossed out) icould [sic] read it quite easy [illegible] tell Sis to right [sic] more i [sic] am knot [sic] as well Sattlisfied [sic] Since icame [sic] home it seames [sic] lonsome [sic] after Spending Such a plesant [sic] time at home with you and the children but i [sic] shall try and [illegible] as good spirets [sic] as posable [sic] [illegible] direct you letters to nashville [sic] I [sic] hav [sic] ritten [sic] you about [illegible]tters Since i [sic] left home [illegible] [illegible] he is at the hosptial [sic] [illegible] the wether [sic] here is [illegible] and dry idonot [sic] know [illegible] we will Stay here nor [illegible] will go to you must right [sic] as often as you can [illegibler] [illegible] i [sic] send my love to them with the hopes that this unholy war will Soon end and i [sic] bee [sic] at home with them good by [sic] for this time by loved one

L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort loved one

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

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i [sic] am makeing [sic] aring [sic] today for Sarah excuse poor righting [sic] hand trembles to day

Camp at Nashville

Nov the 15th 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the gratest [sic] of pleasure that iagain [sic] pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know those fiew [sic] lines will find you in the Same State of health iresieved [sic] your kind letter last evening that you Sent with Evans and you may guess that it done me good to get So late news know those i [sic] love So derely

[sic] you Said that you thaught [sic] from the reading of those fiew [sic] lines that isent [sic] you that Jo Smith was shot he told me to tell you to tell his wife that he was well but the man came for the letter before igot [sic] it done and i [sic] had to quit and close it up in order to Send it with him this will explain it i [sic] got a letter yesterday from John and Sarah but you Said in your letter that they ware at Hicksvile [sic] and ware well So ican [sic] give you no news of them their [sic] is talk of the army advanceing [sic] South from here but Some Seam [sic] to think that our brigade will Stay here i hope [sic] this is trew [sic] then we can get mail regular ifigured [sic] up what ihav [sic] coming to me in the regament [sic] at payday it is forty dollars and 22 cnts [sic] this over and above my wages and ithink [sic] this is doing pretty well this with my five months [sic] pay will make me onehundred [sic] dollars i hope [sic] they will pay us for five months that will bee [sic] quite a help to you iwill [sic] Send it to you as Soon as they pay us of [sic] as [illegible] you nead [sic] it you Said you got them two dollars iam [sic] glad to here [sic] of that our capten [sic] is Sick and thinks he will go home on afurlow [sic] and if he does and dont [sic] go till after payday iwill [sic] Send it by him and if he does iwill [sic] exspress [sic] it to you tell al [sic] that igot [sic] his letter and was glad to here [sic] from him he rightsa [sic] verry [sic] good letter tell him iwill [sic] answer it in a fiew [sic] days you Said that you had Sent Some verses with Janafin [sic] and ishould [sic] tell you how i [sic] like them he has not got here yet you Said you felt bad because you did not Send a letter with Janafin [sic] you done better to send it by Evans So you see as [illegible] ialways [sic] said their [sic] is luck in leasure [sic] the boys are all well iwas [sic] waid [sic] the other day and waid [sic] one hundred and seventy one pounds So you See iam [sic] pretty fat inever [sic] waid [sic] that mutch [sic] before ienJoy [sic] good health the colonel Said the other day that the musicions [sic] Should hav [sic] Swords and in afiew [sic] days we will get them and nice dress coats So you see the band is going to come out then ishould [sic] like to see [crossed out] hav [sic] you see us out in dress paraid [sic] iwill [sic] get my likeness and Send it to you after we are paid of [sic] you Said you had Sent your picture by(Janafin [sic] iam [sic] mutch [sic] obliged to you for that then ican [sic] kiss you and press you to my bosem [sic] i [sic] Just hurd [sic] that our brigade is going to Stay here this is good news right [sic] often and iwill [sic] do the Same kiss the children for me good by [sic] for this time Direct to Nashville Tenn

From L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp at Nashville

Tenn Nov the 27 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the greatest pleasure that iagain [sic] take my pen in hand to inform you that i [sic] am quite well at this time and cincerely [sic] hope those fiew [sic] lines will find you and our loved ones all the Same this is the fourth ithink [sic] Since ihav [sic] recieved [sic] one from you but isuppose [sic] my letters has not had time to get their [sic] and got an answer the boys are all well with the exceptions [sic] of

bad colds the wether [sic] here is fine and pleasant the knights [sic] are cool and frosty
be we hav [sic] a Stove in our tents and we can keep comfortable [sic] their [sic] isnot
[sic] anny [sic] of our new regaments [sic] came here yet from our part but the one that
will [sic] yeagley [sic] is in is within eight miles i [sic] hurd [sic] that they ware there on
the opposite Side of the river from us and igot [sic] apass [sic] yesterday and went over
to See them but ididnot [sic] find them ithink [sic] they will bee [sic] here in afiew [sic]
days and then iwill [sic] go and See them iShould [sic] like to See them isuppose [sic]
will [sic] knows how Soldiering goes by this time ithink [sic] we will bee [sic] paid off by
the last of this month they was making out the pay rolls yesterday their [sic] has been
afire [sic] here every knight [sic] for Some time their [sic] was one last knight [sic] but it
was a house of ill fame and ihope [sic] all of them will go the same way and the old
Sluts in them iwill [sic] get my likeness taken and Send it to you when we are paid of
[sic] ithink [sic] iwill [sic] get Six fotographs [sic] taken and then ican [sic] Send them in
a letter iwill [sic] of put in my Sword and dress coat and drum and hav [sic] it taken
Standing up with my cap and then ithink [sic] that will look nice not that ithink [sic] iam
[sic] pretty but that it will make a better appearance irecieved [sic] your picture by
Janafin [sic] and ithank [sic] you for it so that ican look at it and see [crossed out] See
you but iwould [sic] rather bee [sic] at home with the origienal [sic] and with our loved
children and this [illegible]assed war at an end and then we would take comfort but
this war is not at anend [sic] well ihav [sic] made fifty dollars over my monthly wages
They Say that we will ondy [sic] get three months [sic] pay at this time well that will do
you Some good but iwould [sic] rather bee [sic] paid for five ican [sic] send five months
[sic] pay for the Same as ican [sic] for three but imust [sic] take Just what they See
proper to issue well iguess [sic] iwill hav [sic] to quit my scribbling [sic] to close for this
time with my reports to all my friends I remain as ever your affectionate Husand [sic]
untill [sic] death you must Kiss the children for me tell Esta to wright [sic] hug little
letters and Send them in yours it will learn hur [sic] to right [sic] tell Eugene to bee [sic]
agood [sic] boy and mind ma and pa will buy him anice [sic] new Suit of clothes when
iget [sic] home good byfor this time right [sic] soon and often

L.B. Wort To Susan G. Wort his old pretty
good by [sic] loved one

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp at Nashville Tenn

Dec the 1 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the Greatest of pleasure that iagain [sic] take my pen in
hand to pen afiew [sic] lines to you to inform you that iam [sic] quite well at this Time
and sincerely hope these fiew lines will find you and our loved ones well and enjoying
good health i [sic] received [sic] aletter [sic] from you day before yesterday and Was
glad to here [sic] from you and to learn that you ware [sic] all well it is a pleasure to me
to get aletter [sic] from you yesterday igot [sic] one from John the one that igot [sic]
from you had an envelope [sic] in it with a Stamp on it iwast [sic] looking over those

invelopes [sic] that you Sent me today and happely [sic] Surprised to find nine of them hav [sic] stamps [illegible] iam [sic] verry [sic] mutch [sic] obliged to you for them verses you Sent with that braid of hair [illegible] is verry [sic] [illegible] and verry [sic] [illegible] i [sic] went yesterday to viset [sic] the 44 Indania [sic] regament [sic] that is the regament [sic] that Alex [illegible] is in and ispent [sic] a pleasant day with him they hav [sic] got better Company officers than we hav [sic] Alex cooks for the officers and i [sic] eat dinner with them he baked a nice short cake and they had fresh mutton and butter and preserves that was sent them from home [illegible] John G[illegible] [illegible] is in comand [sic] of the company and N[illegible]te Thomas is a [illegible]nant they did not act like our officers N[illegible] Mall[illegible] is in that company N[illegible]te Thomas was home Recruiting for their company and he enlisted with him at noristown [sic] isaw [sic] him and he looks well and i [sic] think he will make good soldier you Said your wood that i [sic] chopped [sic] was all burned up and i [sic] must Come over and chop Some nothing would give me more pleasure than to bee [sic] able to do So but iam [sic] a Slave to the goverment [sic] ithink [sic] if i [sic] live to get out of this Scrape they will never get me in again if the union all goes by the board i [sic] am contantly [sic] in aworry [sic] about you for fear you are Suffering for the want of wood and other things oh that i [sic] could bee [sic] with you again as i [sic] us [sic] to do and enjoy your Society then i [sic] [illegible] comfort we are Still at nashville [sic] ithink [sic] we will get our pay about wednesday [sic] they are hav [sic] made out the pay roll and ithink [sic] we will Sine [sic] it tomorrow and yet [sic] our pay the next day they are going to pay us for ondly [sic] three months and they owe us Six today and then ihav [sic] over fifty dollars oweng [sic] to me besides tell me if you dont [sic] think i [sic] hav [sic] done pretty well ihav [sic] made up my trip home and more to [sic] and ithink [sic] that is doing verry [sic] well iwill [sic] Send the money to you by exspress [sic] aS [sic] Soon as iget [sic] it the boys are all well they are a setting up the clothing list for the year and the allowance is 42 dollars i [sic] hav [sic] taken up \$37.22 So you See their [sic] will bee [sic] some comeing [sic] to me on that i [sic] Stoped [sic] righting [sic] to read aletter [sic] from you [illegible] verry [sic] glad to here [sic] from you and to learn that you are all well but sorry to here [sic] of your [illegible]ion [illegible] my one relatives they nead [sic] not try to Set me up against you for they cant [sic] doit [sic] ilove [sic] you to [sic] derely [sic] to ever forsake you i [sic] no [sic] you live as Saveing [sic] as you can you told hur [sic] right whatis [sic] mine is yourn [sic] and it is none of hur [sic] [illegible] business what you by make yourSelf [sic] comfortable [sic] with the money that isend [sic] to you it is yourn [sic] and you use it as you please iwill [sic] right [sic] hur [sic] a letter and give hur [sic] a piece of my mind

(upside down at the top of page 1) dont [sic] pay out your money to clost [sic] keep amuch [sic] to buy all that you want and ablige [sic] me

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Hamelton Tenn Dec the 19 1862

Dear wife it is with great pleasure that iagain [sic] take my pen in hand to pen a fiew [sic] lines to you to let you know that iam [sic] well at presant [sic] and cincerely [sic]

hope those few [sic] lines wil [sic] find you and the children all well i received [sic] your very [sic] kind letter of the thirteenth of december [sic] and also the letter that i [sic] am going to send to hur [sic] home i [sic] hav [sic] to call my mother you said you thought [sic] it was the thing that she needed [sic] well i think [sic] so to [sic] i [sic] am glad to here that you hav [sic] a plenty of wood i [sic] was a fraid [sic] you might suffer for wood you said if you was me you would send hur [sic] letter with out a stamp i [sic] backed it when i wrote [sic] it before i [sic] thought of sending it to you first and then i [sic] thought [sic] that i [sic] would send it to you first and and [sic] then if their [sic] was anny [sic] lies told of about it you would no [sic] it we are six miles south of nashville [sic] i [sic] donot [sic] no [sic] how long we will stay here a soldier dont [sic] no [sic] anny [sic] thing beforehand i [sic] wish this ungodly war would soon come to a close iam [sic] tired of it and then ino [sic] you dont [sic] take anny [sic] comfort [sic] of your life and that makes my life more unhappy their [sic] is a cainbrake [sic] close to our camp and their [sic] is oceans of robbins [sic] comes their [sic] to rost [sic] every knight [sic] and we go out in the cain [sic] with candle and take a stick and we can knock them down they are good to eat we had a potpy [sic] for dinner to day [sic] i [sic] knocked down forty six last knight [sic] i [sic] tell you they are good i [sic] am a going out after roll call i [sic] am righting [sic] this by candlelight i hav [sic] no news to right [sic] you i suppose [sic] you get more war news their [sic] than we can here the wether [sic] is pleasant here at this time you said that helwig [sic] done your shoemaking on the rent does he work in the shop you will hav [sic] to excues [sic] me this time with a short letter their [sic] was twelve drafted men sent to our company from finley [sic] they ware [sic] all dutch [sic] they just make a mess by them selves [sic] i right [sic] too about two letters a week i will quit and right [sic] a few [sic] lines to Siss and you can cut it out fo [sic] illegible tell Esta that i [sic] will right hur [sic] abiger [sic] one in your next letter you said that you was out of money is sent you seventy dollars two weeks ago by a fellow [sic] that lives in fort wayne [sic] i suppose [sic] you hav [sic] got it before this time as he was going right [sic] home the next morning after i [sic] gave it to him itold [sic] him to give it to John and isent [sic] a letter by him to John and told him to either take it to you or send it by some that he could trust right [sic] often as you can From your loving husband

L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Hamelton [sic]

Dec the 24th 1862

Near Nashville Tennessee

Dear and beloved Companion it with much [sic] pleasure that i [sic] again take my pen in hand to inform you that i [sic] am well at this time and do sincerely [sic] hope those few [sic] lines will find you the same this is christmas [sic] eve and i [sic] will wish you a mery [sic] christmas [sic] i [sic] would like to be [sic] their [sic] to spend the day with

you but i [sic] suppose i [sic] will hav [sic] to Spend it on a march we hav [sic] got marching orders to knight [sic] i [sic] donot [sic] no [sic] whare [sic] we are a going but i [sic] think it is to a town about 18 miles South of this camp our forces went out on the road to day [sic] and drove the butternuts back they may give us a fight but if they do i [sic] think we will bee [sic] anuff [sic] for them you [crossed out] ireceived [sic] a letter from you yesterday and glad to here [sic] from you again it had two Small letters in it one from Sis and one from Eugene and i [sic] love to see their little ones it tells that they Sill love their pa and i [sic] can assure them that pa Still loves them O that i [sic] could clasp all of you to my bosom this knight [sic] it would bee [sic] Joy to me untold you Said you was in nead [sic] of money i [sic] Sent you Seventy dollars over two weeks ago by a man that lives in fort wayne [sic] and i [sic] think you will get it ere [sic] this reaches you i [sic] Sent it to John and told him to either Send it or take it to you as soon as he could and i [sic] think you will get it by the time this comes to hand if not you will Send or right [sic] to John and find out about it Sent it by a man that clurks [sic] for mr [sic] Jacobs his boot and Shoe Store by the name of Isac [illegible]een John is acquainted with him well i [sic] had to Stop and go and help carry us Some be le [sic] beef cook to march on tomorrow all of the boys are a Sleep but fin [sic] and me and we are a righting [sic] i [sic] Just rote [sic] you one yesterday but i [sic] thought as we ware [sic] a going to march i [sic] would right [sic] again and let you no [sic] of it you can Still direct your letters to nashville [sic] and they will follow the regament [sic] i [sic] hav [sic] not gotten my likeness yet they was So buisy [sic] at nashville [sic] after we ware [sic] paid of [sic] that i [sic] could not get it and then we did not Stay but a fiew [sic] days after we ware [sic] paid off but i [sic] will get it the first oppertunity [sic] that i [sic] can get you wanted to no [sic] if our capten [sic] had got back to camp yet he has been back three or fower [sic] days he got married at defiance [sic] and i [sic] think he is in better humer [sic] than he was before he went home he Says he thinks this war will never bee [sic] Settled by fighting and i [sic] think So to [sic] i [sic] think this war is a bore [sic] an [sic] the people of this goverment [sic] will hav [sic] to quit so good by loved one

L B Wort to S G Wort