

William Maxwell Letters

Corporal Company D North Carolina

Madison Co. V.C. Camp [illegible] the 15 1862

Dear Father I now seat myself to [illegible] you of my health as this time I have not bin [sic] well since [illegible] here But I am better now than I have bin [sic] since I came [illegible] Riley has bin [sic] sick the most of the time but he is better [illegible] well there has been a good many of our company [illegible] there are severel [sic] sick yet but no one dangerous [illegible] a grate [sic] steer [sic] hear [sic] yesterday orders came from the govener [sic] for [illegible] Mcdowel [sic] to order 200 men to Transelvany [sic] to [illegible] the men their [sic] in to camp there 200 soon mad [sic] up to go and [illegible] armed and prepared their rashins [sic] for three [number 3 is written over the word three] days they were [illegible] this morning but it was stoped [sic] by som [sic] means and they sent [illegible] captain to see if there was a rebellen [sic] or not when he coms [sic] [illegible] the men will go if there is any Rebellioun [sic] and if not they will not [illegible] it was talked that they were going to Edeny ville [sic] also to bring [illegible] but I do not know whither [sic] they will go there or not we heard [illegible] that they fought a batle [sic] there 100 men engaged and the [illegible] lasted about one half [1/2 written above the words] our [sic] and the ground was as blody [sic] as [illegible] pen and 6 or 8 mortaly [sic] wounded I heard yisterday [sic] that [illegible] Edeny and I.M. Lyday were dead I heard also that the [illegible] was [illegible] yet and they were to meet and fight it out I think they had [illegible] go to the wor [sic] ii and fight there the typod [sic] fever is here in camp [illegible] severel [sic] cases of it G.B. Freeman of our mess has been [illegible] with the fever for abot [sic] a week he is better now I have bin [sic] expecting [illegible] take the measels [sic] but I have not taken them yet I may not [illegible] them

We have hard time [illegible] statined [sic] in an Island in the river we are surrounded [sic] by the by a line of gard [sic] and there is no chance to get out of hear [sic] without [illegible] it is hard that we cannot go no where without a pass only inside [missing text] encampment we drew flour and bacon to eat and rise [sic] and shugar [sic] [missing text] beef twist a bout [sic] a mess at a time and that is all [missing text] to eat we hive [sic] to draw our water also the spring runs a stream [missing text] as large as my thumb and that is all the water we get to [missing text] and do our cooking this is all the suply [sic] for 800 hundreds men and [missing text] know that we suffer for water very often and it is very good it is very dry and [missing text] it almost stifles us when we are drilling there has been no rain hear [sic] [missing text] I came hear [sic] except 2 small shours [sic] and neither of them was hardly a wet amans [sic] shirt if he had bin [sic] out in all of it I [misisng text] yisterday [sic] that up the river the corn was dying for the want of rain [missing text] was aman [sic] came here yisterday [sic] from Richmond he says that peas will [missing text] in a short time he said that the south has made a

preposition [sic] [missing text] North that they would go back to the union and pay all their [illegible] if the North would but I do not think the North will except [sic] [illegible] have sent too [sic] Letters home and I have got no answer yet I [illegible] heard a word from home since I left there are you all killed in [illegible] Edeny Battle or why is it that you do not wright [sic] to some of us [illegible] all our company have got letters but us I want to hear from home the worst of any thing I ever wanted to hear in my life I am [illegible] about home and will be till I hear from there I am very [illegible] letters crossed out] much [illegible] hear nor I never expect to be any other way till I get home a gain [sic] there is a good many getting furlows [sic] now and I think I will get one in a week or too [sic] and come home Wm. P. Maxwell

direct your letters to [mising text] springs post office Camp smith N.C. in cear [sic] of capten [sic] C.M/ Fletcher I want you to wright [sic] as soon as you get this I hope it [crossed out] this will [missing text] you all well tell Dicy to right [sic] and let me know how here [sic] and my Babys [sic] are coming on I want to see them very bad

September 14- 1862

Camp Martin Greenville [sic] Tennessee [sic]

Dear Father I now take my seat to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may find you and the rest of the folks all well we are stationed in green County Tennessee [sic] on the west side of Greenville [sic] in sight of the town rite [sic] on the bank of the Railroad our tent is in about 25 yards of the railroad where we see the cars three or four times every Day there were 3 car loads of souldiers [sic] passed hear [sic] a friday [sic] on their way to Ritchmond [sic] they were from Gorgia [sic] they said that Stone wall jackson [sic] was surrounded we are in about 400 yards of the Depot where it will not take long to get on the cars and leave this plase [sic] when ever orders comes for us to go and I dont [sic] think it will be long till we leave hear [sic] and where we will go to I cannot tell it may be to the comberland [sic] gap and it may Be to virginia [sic] kntucky [sic] there is no telling where we will go I would rather stay heare [sic] a while longer as we have a very nise [sic] plase [sic] to camp But water is very scase [sic] Well watter [sic] and lime stone at that it is a Bad chance about geting [sic] washing don [sic] we hire our washing don [sic] pay 10 cents a garment I want you to help Dicy take cear [sic] of the truck for I do not expect I will be at home soon and maby [sic] never again I think you had better sell my horse if Dicy has not plenty to feed him on for I dont [sic] think there will be any chance to by [sic] per vision [sic] another year and it would be better to sell the horse than to do without Bread I am a feard [sic] my family will suffer we have drawed [sic] no mony [sic] yet nor I do knot [sic] know when we will it is talked in camps that we will leave hear [sic] in a day or so for the comberland [sic] gap there is a man hear [sic] now that says the yankeys [sic] ar [sic] not surrounded at the comberland [sic] gap he is gest [sic] come from there we have boxed our clothes there is fourteen of us put our clothes in one box I will send you alist [sic] of their names and each mans [sic] name is on his clothes or a piece of paper

fastened to them and I want you to divide [sic] them out to their folks when they come after them the Box is directed to M.M. Patton in Hendersonville [sic] with Rileys [sic] name on it we wrote [sic] a letter to Patton to take care [sic] of it till you can get it you will have to go and get it or send and bring it to your house the stage contractor [sic] says he will send it as soon as he can we paid 3 dollars to the contractor [sic] to haul [sic] it to Ashville and he will not receive pay no further as his contract end there you will have to pay the freight [sic] from Ashville to Hendersonville [sic] and when they come after their clothes make them pay you before you give them up I would make

Camp Martin [sic] Green [sic] County Tennessee [sic] Sept 24 1862
To David Maxwell and family

Dear father I now take the pleasure to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may find you all well there are several of our men sick the sick list yesterday [sic] morning was 16 in our Company there was a man shot in the hand by a pistol [sic] going off accidentally on Sunday [sic] evening last the ball entered the heel [sic] of the hand and ran [sic] up in to the wrist [sic] and the ball is in his hand yet and will stay there I reckon [sic] we received our state bounty yesterday [sic] \$50 some says we will get our confederate bounty and wages the tenth of next month [illegible word crossed out] they have taken our large tent from us and gave us a very [sic] small one that 6 men can scarcely [sic] scrouge in to it but there is nine of us has to stay in it but I [sic] think we will have them divide a little [sic] letter to day I do not think we will have to leave here soon as our men have run the yankeys [sic] from the Cumberland gap and drove them away in to Kentucky [sic] Gen Brown let [sic] here Monday [sic] morning and me and Cary sent our old kpsacks [sic] home by him and Gorge [sic] B. Freeman and Riley Cornwell sent theirs in mine you can give them up when their folks calls for them our box of clothing was gone [sic] before Brown got back from Knoxville or we would [sic] have sent it by him it left here a Sunday [sic] morning and it is now at Hendersonville [sic] if it has not been [sic] delayed at Ashville you can go and get it Brown promise to haul [sic] our tool box that we left at Ashville to Edneyville [sic] for us I wish you would pay him for the hauling [sic] of it if he does [sic] haul [sic] it up I did not think to pay him for it then right [sic] to me the amount [sic] you had to pay and I will send it to you you will have to go to Edneyville [sic] after it I mailed a letter to you last week for fear you do not get that letter I will say a few words to you about [sic] the box of clothing there was 14 of us put our clothes in the box and I want you to divide them out each mans [sic] name in on his cloth[missing] you will have to pay the freight [sic] from Ashville home and make them pay you when they come after the clothes the box is sent to Hendersonville [sic] in care [sic] of M.M. Patton you will have to go there and get it I sent you a list of the names in the other letter if you get that letter you will know what to do with it if you do not get the letter and cannot understand [sic] stand this one write [sic] to me and I will give you a new list I want you to write [sic] to me and let me know whether you get my letters or not and whether you get our box of clothes and our knap

sacks and our box of tools and rite [sic] as soon as you get them perhaps you would like to know what we get to live on here I will tell we have got a new comissary [sic] and we ar [sic] living prety [sic] well all but sleeping and we could sleep if we were not Scrouged so bad we get plenty of beef bacon and flowuer [sic] and salt and rise [sic] and we draw rye to make coffy [sic] and shugar [sic] to sweeten it and candles and soap there is prayer here every night or two and while prayer is going on in the tent there is men a cursing and swaring [sic] all round the tent but they have passed a good rule here this morning they gave the heads of each mess orders to let no man quarrel nor curs [sic] nor swar [sic] in the tent we have got shut of our roudys [sic] our mess ar [sic] all peaceable boys R Collins is left our mess Tery Hood is left I will now cose [sic] for this time

September the 26 1862

Dear Father I a gain [sic] Seat my Self to let you know that I am well yet and have som [sic] bad newse [sic] to tell you I have just come from the Depot with a bucket of water and I saw there the box that the corps [sic] of [illegible] Brysen capti [sic] was in ther [sic] is a man by the name of eles [sic] and Brysens [sic] Negro a taking him home there was a batle [sic] fought on the 16 of this month in Maryland on the other side of the Potomick [sic] and Brysen and his company were in the batle [sic] and Brysen was shot threw [sic] tthe head and killed on the ground he was the only man that was killed in the Company Ben Hamit was wounded the negro said that John was well and was not hurt G.T. Fox was well our men have come back to this side of the potomick [sic] they say the yankeys [sic] wer [sic] badly whiped [sic] the 14 NC Rigament [sic] was cut all to pieces ther [sic] was a grate [sic] many men killed on both sides while I was at the well there was a man shot in town by the name of masen [sic] he was shot near the fork of the berast [sic] [breast is written above that word] bone with two balls it is not expected that he will live till night the man that shot him was Charles Erwin they both lived in greenvill [sic] town it was an old gruge [sic] betwit [sic] them this is the third man that has bin [sic] killed on the acount [sic] of that old gruge [sic] I do not know what it is I was in a bout 400 yards of the man when he was shot an [sic] heard the fire of the gun or pistol there is a grate [sic] many sick men here John Pinkerton it is thought has bin [sic] dying ever since yisterday [sic] morning althou [sic] he was not dead a litel [sic] while a go he is in the hospetal [sic] Riley Laning is not expected to live Basily Laning is sick and in the hospetal [sic] I have not seen them since they left camp there is only one of our company in the hospital thou [sic] there is severel [sic] sick it is so dry and hot here that I am a feard [sic] that we will all get sick here thare [sic] has bin [sic] no rain here in 8 weeks there [sic] are very tight on us there is a man now in the gard [sic] house for going to sleep on his post he is put in for 14 days and is not allowed to eat nothing but brea [sic] and water and there was another taken up for steeling [sic] money and he had to ware [sic] a flouer [sic] barre [sic] two hours and walk round the gard [sic] line before the point of the bayonet all the time and then he is to be chained to a cannon ball for thirty days golaspys [sic] horse Company have just come in they are going to

knoxvill [sic] there was 120 yankeys [sic] prisners [sic] passed here yisterday [sic] evening on their way to Richmond they were taken in Kentucky there has bin [sic] a grate [sic] many souldires [sic] passed here going towards Richmond they are fiting [sic] in that diriction [sic] about every day Josep [sic] Blyke and Morgen are here they came here a wednesday [sic] and are going to stay till Sunday they have preached two or three surmons [sic] Our men are runing [sic] away three of them have left one by the name of John Case runaway [sic] a thursday [sic] and gorge [sic] N Williames and Ebern Hestelow left last night the captin [sic] sent after them this morning I have not heard from the hospetal [sic] this morning This saturday [sic] morning and I am well Cary is well Riley is riting [sic] a piece to send in my letter I have not got but one lette [sic] since I came here I want you to right [sic] to me and let me know how you are all giting [sic] a long and rite [sic] soon for I love to hear from home I must now bring my lines to a close so nomore [sic] at presant [sic] but But [sic] reman [sic] yours Wm. P Maxwell to David Maxwell

November the 5th 1862

Rutherford C.O Murfreesboro midle [sic] Tennisse [sic]

Dear father I now take pleasure to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may safely reach and find you all well as to the health of our Regament [sic] it is not very good at this time I cannot tell you how many there is sick at this time but there is a good many and sickness is increasing last Sunday there were only about 4 or 5 sick men in our comany [sic] this morning the sick list numbers 16 this looks like a right smart incree [sic] in 3 days there has bin [sic] 9 deaths since Sunday evening 2 of our Regiment one of our Compny [sic] his name was John C. Claton he was taken Satureday [sic] morning he kep [sic] going about till 10 or 11 oclock [sic] when he took his bed and never rose nemore [sic] he Died Sunday evening about 6 oclock [sic] this is taking a man off in a very short time he died with Brain feever [sic] he was buried the next evening he was taken a mile and better from camp and buried in a yankey [sic] grave yard where they buried their dead when they were there this was a very suden [sic] Death and should be a warning to us all litle [sic] did he know the day before he was taken that death was so nigh as he was trying to bory [sic] mony [sic] to gamble on oh what an awful thing but it looks like if the trouble a man sees in camp are not enough to cause a man to trye [sic] to live in a right way there is nothing that will turn him as to my past I expect from this on to trye [sic] to do as nigh right as I can and have bin [sic] doing so ever since I left home last and I hope you will all trye [sic] to do the same way for I never more expect to see you on earth a gain for a man dos [sic] not know here one day that he will be a live the next but it may be that I will live to get home a gain we are still here yet but a most all the Regiments are gon [sic] to wards [sic] Nashville and they have bin [sic] fighting two days there it was reported last night that our men had taken a little town by the name of Edgefield near Nashville and 150 of our men were killed This may not be so it was said yisterday [sic] that our Regiment and som [sic] others were kep [sic] back as reserve but after dark last night we were ordered to cook

2 days Rashion [sic] and be ready to march this morning but we are here yet 12 ocloc [sic] and we may not go we heard the cannons this morning very playing and the gard [sic] said they heard them all night and have had no neus [sic] from there to day but I guess we will hear in a short time we are in a close plase [sic] Neuse [sic] is here that Rosencrans [sic] is moveing [sic] in rear of us to Chatanuga [sic] and if he gets there we will be cut off from Railroad transportation but I hope he will be prevented we have heard severel [sic] times that neuse [sic] has went to henderson [sic] that we were all killed and taken prisners [sic] this is not the case if you hear such reports you Nead [sic] not believe it for we have not bin [sic] in no fight yet nor neither have we bin [sic] taken prisners [sic] and I am in hope we will not be We are under the comand [sic] of General Breckenrige [sic] and in Colonel Walkers [sic] Briggade [sic] Maj Mcdowels [sic] Regiment our me [sic] do not have to go on picket very often I have not bin [sic] on picket but onse [sic] yet and there is a good many of our me [sic] that have not bin [sic] on yet I was the first one that was taken [crossed out] sent on picket from our company I and 6 others were sent out and I was the commanding officer over them we were sent about one mile from camp we had to lay out all night but we were relieved the next morning by a new picket wehen [sic] we started the Agitant [sic] told us we would bring him a yankey [sic] coat the next morning he he [sic] would give us 15 dollars for it but we did [three illegible words crossed out] not get [illegible] one I wright [sic] this letter to all Father and Mother and Brother and Sisters and I want you all to wright [sic] to me for all the pleasure that I have is when I get letters from home for I tell you that a man in camps sees but little pleasures in camp I got no letters from non [sic] of you since we left greenvill [sic] and we have bin [sic] hear [sic] 9 weeks to day tell Dicy that I have not got narry [sic] letter from her since the last of September I would be very uneasy about here [sic] but I hear sometimes our letters do not go it looks like a long time to not hear from home in over a month This maks [sic] the fourth letter that I have rote [sic] since I came here and I have got no answer as to the weather it is very warm days and cold nights and drye [sic] and very dusty tell Riley to stay at home as long as he can we get aplenty of Bacon and beef and are [illegible] eat but we only get one pound of flouer [sic] to the man perday [sic] and that maks [sic] bread scarce [sic] we drewed [sic] some corn meal yisterday [sic] I am in hopes we will have plenty of bread from now on I saw more bacon in one pile yisterday [sic] than any house would hold Cary is well [illegible] Tousen is well Wm. P. Maxwell

[written on top margin on page 3] I will send this by Fayet Prevara as he is going

[written on top margin of page 2] hoe on a sick furlow [sic] it will be mailed in Ashville

Murfreesboro Tennessee [sic]

General Hospetal [sic] No. 1, Dec the 16, 1862

Dear Father and Mother I now embrase [sic] the oppertunity [sic] of wrighting [sic] a fiew [sic] lines to let you Know that I am well at this time hoping these fiew [sic] lines may hastly [sic] reach and find you all well and doing well Cary is on the mend a little but he

is very weak yet he can set up in the bed a little the fever is entirely left him and I think he will soon be able to set up and walk about he says he is not sick much [sic] now but he is so weak [sic] that he cannot set up long at a time I have bin [sic] waiting on him all the time and will tell [sic] he gets able to wait on him self I have not bin [sic] out of the house more than a half hour at a time since I came here H.H. Nix is so he can set up a little John Potillo and Sam ar [sic] both here [illegible word crossed out] sick [sic] with the Tipoid [sic] fever this is the feever [sic] that Cary has J.H. Maxwell was sent to Chattanooga [sic] night before last I am sick and tired of this place [sic] it is the tiresomest [sic] place [sic] I ever was at I saw seven dead men lying in the dead Room yesterday [sic] morning and 6 this morning There has 5 died in this ward since I came here some of them wer [sic] brought in one day and died before the next night I have had to help to carry out lots of dead men since Since I came here they dye [sic] on an average from 3 to 5 ever [sic] 24 hours here there is about 230 sick in this hospetal [sic] as fast as one gets well [illegible word crossed out] or dyes [sic] another is put in his place [sic] I tell you it is an awful place [sic] to be at I use [sic] to think it was bad enough to see one one [sic] sick person but it is nothing to what I see here there is four [sic] nurses in this Room and we set up two hours a piece of a night just imagin [sic] what lonesom [sic] times I see in the night no body but sick men all around me and them moaning with pain Continually [sic] it is awful to think of it but still we have it to bear tell Dicy that John Whiteker Joshuas [sic] son Died night before last he came here the day that I did he kept going till the day before he died his diseas [sic] was aresiples [sic] they sent him home by Jacob Case he started for home yesterday [sic] evening he took JC Laugter James sutles one another man I did not get to see him I would have bin [sic] glad to have seen him I Suppose our Regimt [sic] is drawing the Confederate bounty to day \$50 dollars they have drawed [sic] more clothing I want you to tell Dicy that she need [sic] not send me any Clothes for I will draw as son [sic] as I go back to camp again and I will not ned [sic] them the pants are made of blue blanket cloth like your Over-coat and they are very good and warm The President Jefferson Davis was here last Saturday but I did not get to see him I suppose his buisness [sic] was to review the army here every thing is very high here Shoos [sic] are selling from ten to 18 dollars a pair and boots from 30 to 50 dollars a pair pork 25 cts [sic] a pound and other thing in proportion whiskey ten dollars a quart I want you to take care [sic] of every thing that you have and not let it be waisted [sic] and tell Dicy to take care [sic] of what she has got for I may never be there to help her any more and I want you to see to her things a little but I know that you have enough to do to take care [sic] of your things I would not ask you to do it if I was there to do it myself but I cant [sic] be there Cary wants you to tell Betsy to take good care [sic] of all here [sic] things and not let the children wast [sic] it for if She gets out she will have to do without for he may never be there a gain but I hope he will get well a gain and live to come home one more time and see you all I hope I will live to come home but there is no telling Captin [sic] Hardy and our quarter master ar [sic] gon [sic] to see govener [sic] Vance to see if they can get our Regiment back to North Carolina [sic] a gain and I am in hops [sic] they will and take us a way from this sickely [sic] place [sic] the most of the people here think the war will

end by the first of march [sic] I do wish it would so that I could get to come home and see you all one more time this is the third letter that I have wrote since Cary has bin [sic] sick we [illegible] one have got nary letter in better than I [illegible word crossed out] two weeks I want you to wright [sic] and let me know how you are all geting [sic] along and wright [sic] as often

Murfreesboro Dec the 25 1862

General Hosptle [sic] No. One

Dear Father and Mother I Seat myself this morning to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may hastely [sic] reach and find you all enjoying good health I received your kind letter on the 24 inst [sic] and was truly glad to hear that you was all well but Mother I am very sorry to hear you were not well and was still sorreyer [sic] to hear of the death of my Brother you requested me to join you in morning [sic] for your Dear son which I am bound by the corse [sic] of nature to do you may be ashured [sic] that you will not morne [sic] alone for he was a Dear and lovely Brother to me and I sadly mourn our loss but the Lord has seen fit to take him away from us and I hope and trust that he is gon [sic] where wars and trouble cannot come it is our duty to mourn the loss of sutch [sic] an [sic] one but I do not want you to take it two [sic] mutch [sic] to hart [sic] for you are geting [sic] old and infurm [sic] and the less you can take it to hart [sic] the better it will be for you I hope and trust he is better off to day than we are he is out of this crewell [sic] war now he will not have to wade the Deep Rivers nor march on long journeys anymore nor fase [sic] the bullets in the storm of battle he is don [sic] with all these troubles and hard ships and if we were all prepared [sic] I think it would be better two [sic] if it were the Lords [sic] will to take us from this world of truble [sic] and Sorrow as there is no real enjoymants [sic] here if it were not for my Dear little children I would rather this day be laid low beneath the clod [sic] of the vally [sic] than to stay here in this wicked world but I hope I will live to see you all some time again but I may be disappointed in my hops [sic] for there is no telling what a day may bring forth [illegible letters crossed out] I am well to day but to morrow I may be in sickness or death truly a man is as [illegible] his stay here is of few days and full of trouble you [illegible word crossed out] requested me to take as good cear [sic] of myself as I could I asssure [sic] you I will do that as fare [sic] as it of [crossed out] is in my power you said the girles [sic] had some clothes made for us I want you to tell them that we are drawing clothes and they nead [sic] not send them to us for we will have clothes a plenty yet a while [sic] and if we nead [sic] them I will wright [sic] and let them know it I want you to take good cear [sic] of your self and not expose your self no more than you can help and not trye [sic] to work mutch [sic] for you have worked long enough to rest the ballance [sic] of your days Cary is still on the mend and is wrighting [sic] a letter to send home to day I hope he will soon be well tell Dicy that I received two letters from there on the 23 of this month that was mailed the 17 and one from Riley that was mailed the 19 and yours on the 24 which was only 5 days coming and Cary received letters also that were mailed at the same time I think [illegible word crossed out] you you [sic] could mail your letters at

Hendersonville [sic] that I could get them sooner than I do and if you could go to Henderson after my letters I think you could get them sooner I want some of you to wright [sic] whether you would rather go there after them or not and if you all think it best I will mail them there I am very sorry to hear that you are all in such troubles at home about the thieves that infest our cuntry [sic] it is an awful [illegible] to be so fare [sic] away from hom [sic] and hear such sad neuse [sic] from home It appears to me like all the trouble has come on me at once the neuse [sic] of my Brothers [sic] Death and of my Brotherinlaw [sic] and the distress that my family and folks ar [sic] in I asked the captin [sic] for a furlou [sic] and he said that there was no chance for one Oh I want to come home so bad but there is no chance but to to [sic] runaway and some times I am mitely [sic] tempted to trye [sic] that plan I want you to wright [sic] and let me know whether you think it would be a good plan or not if you think there is any [illegible word crossed out] chance for me to stay there I will come home Dicy rote [sic] that uncle billey [sic] wanted me to wright [sic] and let him know what had become of Harison [sic] you can tell him that he was here in the hospetal [sic] abot [sic] two week and they sent him to chattanuga [sic] about two week ago and I have not heard from him since when he left here he said he felt as well as ever he did but he was very horse [sic] he had not bin [sic] bad sick this is all that I can tell about him tell Riley that I will answer his letter as soon as I can and tell him the capt [sic] received his letter the 25 inst [sic] I must bring my lines to a close hoping they will hastly [sic] reach you and comfort you in your sad berefements [sic] Remaining your Dear Wm. P. Maxwell

[written on top margin of paper] I have writen [sic] a few lines on a sheet of morning paper to you and Dicy and Betsy two pages to you and two to them I hope you will cut it in two and keep that that is writen [sic] to you and give the other to Dicy

Tullahoma Ten [sic]

Feby 15 1863

Mr [sic] Maxwell

Dear sir your note came [illegible] to hand and I now proceed to answer it I am verry [sic] unwell have not been well since the fight We were so much exposed in the Rain and Could [sic] We are having a deal of sickness in our Regimant [sic] our men are dying nearly every day I have Died out of my company since 5th of this month they have Fever and Measles

I am sorry to say to you that your Son W.P. Maxwell was left at Murfreesboro as a nurse and we Received a list of Dead the other day stating that Maxwell of Company D. was Dead the paper did not give the Right name. I fear it was Pinkney as that is the letter of my company. I have no news to write that is good and I suppose you have plenty of bad news without me writing any

Cary is not well he has not been able to do any duty in two months Out of 70 men we have about 15 able for duty

Well about you wanting me to send Cary Home on a Furlough Mr [sic] Maxwell I would gladly do so but it is out of my power Old Bragg issued an order that no man was to be Furloughed and so you see that I can not do anything

We are expecting an other fight hear [sic] if the yankees [sic] advance on us our men have been making Breast works

There are so much Rain the Road in such a bad fix they cant [sic] travel

Respectfully

Chas M. [illegible]

To David Maxwell

September the 15 1862 Camp martin [sic] Tenissee [sic]

we are all well But Riley and he is still taking medison [sic] and is no better he still keeps knocking about I want you to right [sic] to me and let me know how yo [sic] all are and how you are gting [sic] along and let me know if you get that box Direct your leters [sic] to greenvill [si] Tenissee [sic] Mcdouels [sic] Battallion [sic] in cear [sic] of [illegible word crossed out] Captin [sic] Fletcher I remin [sic] yoor son Wm P. maxwell [sic] we have divide Companys [sic] and made a new one there is to be 2 others hear [sic] in a short time

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic]

General Hospetle [sic] No one Dec 24 1862

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers and Sisters and companion I to day seat myself to wright [sic] a few lines to you in sadness and sorrow and solitude and morning [sic] it is with deep solemnity that I am cawled [sic] upon by the request of your kind letter and not only your request but its [sic] a duty enjoined on me to join you in your berefment [sic] for the Death of my Dear and loved Brother who I learned on the pages of your letter that he died in The South carolinia [sic] Hospetle [sic] in Richmond va [sic] on the 18 day of [illegible] I am truly sorry to hear of his Death for I know that you have lost a good obedient and a deutiful [sic] Son and me a true and lovely Brother but I hope he is gon [sic] to a land of rest and he is don [sic] with wars and troubles and hardships and the many sorrows of this world but we must camly [sic] submit to the workins [sic] of the Lord truly the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh a way Blessed be the name of the Lord I had a Brother I loved him dear He has bin [sic] gon [sic] for many a day he has bin [sic] laid in the clay for many aday [sic] Death has come and stoled [sic] him away

theres [sic] a Crown for me theres [sic] a crown for you glory be to god [sic] theres
[sic] a crown for us all I hope and trust youl [sic] all trye [sic] to obtain that crown and if
I never see you a gain I hope we will all meet in Heaven is my humble prayer Wm P
Maxwell in morning [sic]

Names of the Men who sent Clothing

A list of the mens [sic] names that have sent ther [sic] clothes in our Box

Cary Maxwell

Riley Maxwell

Wm P. Maxwell

R M. Barnwell

P N Hood Blu [sic] ridge

B F Rhoads

Jessy Rhoads

gorge [sic] N Williams

John S Hatkins

Henery [sic] C Hatkins

James R. Barnwell cane creek [sic]

Robert H Maxwell

Archable Mcalopp [sic]

Josua Tounsen

Where I have ritend [sic] Bleuridge [sic] is to show where the man lives and where it is
riten [sic] cane creek is to show the men lives on Cane creek on cane creek the rest live
in your settlement

Label

Mr. Daniel Maxwell

by hand of [illegible name]

W P Maxwell lefte [sic] July the 27 day 186[illegible]

Camps Near Fredricks [sic] Burg [illegible] PM the 29 1863

Mr [sic] Dany [sic] Maxwell Derre [sic] [illegible] i [sic] has this [illegible] to [illegible] you
these lines to let you no [sic] [illegible word crossed out] that for times there is her [sic]
in regimant [than to is crossed out] with Sorrowfull [sic] heart i [sic] hav [sic] to write to
you withch [sic] will State you that John Maxwell is Ded [sic] he dies the 18 of this
month his was in the South Caralina [sic] hospile [sic] in Charles [illegible] An [sic] i
[sic] cant [sic] tell you much about it as i [sic] no [sic] but litel [sic] about this is the
sergents [sic] report from the hospitel [sic] to our co commander i [sic] will Close J P
Case