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Camp near Murfreesboro Jan 14

Mrs Lieut. Nix

It becomes my unpleasant duty to inform you of the death of your husband & our much esteemed friend & comrade. He fell on the morning of the 31st of Dec while repelling an attack of the Rebel forces & died like a true soldier doing his duty to his country. He was shot through the body & was taken to our Hospital which was soon after taken possession by the enemy who held it until the evacuation of Murfreesboro. He died on the 5th or 6th & was buried by Lieut. Towl B. Chase of our company with military honors. I have his effects in my possession & shall forward them to you by the first opportunity, I have his revolver, sword & money other things belonging to him, you have lost your best Friend of Earth & we deeply feel with you in this sad bereavement for we too have lost an esteemed Friend & a true soldier. He did his duty always up to the time he fell & was loved & his true Qualities were appreciated by all that knew him & His Name & deeds will always be held in sacred remembers by me & the members under my command.

Yours respectfully,

Capt. A. Philbrook

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