Camp near Stone River
10 A.C. Oct the 9th /60

Dear Pairents i
have just Came of
from picket and found 2
letters from home and
Was glad to hear from
you onse more and hear
that you Was all well
I supose that you have
hurd about us going
to 10 A.C. We got in
Murfersboro at 12 oclock in
the knight of the 5th ohneys
maid a Raid and burnt
a rail Road Brily that
Wind acrost the River
they unfinish it to
knight i guess that

Normandy Tenn
Oct 22nd 1863

Dear parents i receiyed
your letter last knight
and was glad to hear
From home onse more
and hear that the folks
was well as for my
self i am well and
enjoy my self well
Don't worry about them
boots for it is not
your fault if we do
not get them
We air doing guard duty
on the Railroad we may
stay hear all winter
i hope so i have
a good time hear at

Present i Dont know
how long it will
last there is not
much news to write
at present i most
close for it is Dark

Charles Potter

Pres[illegible] Dont [illegible]
how [illegible]
last [illegible] there is not
much news to write
[illegible] present i [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Camp On the mountain
tenn November 7

Dear pairents i
Received your letter
this morning and was
glad to hear from home
ansd more but was
sory to hear that Hir
was sick but i hope that
this will finde him
better i should like to
see ebner but it
cant ~~behalf~~ behly
i am well i am on
the mountain at a
signal station i dont
know how long i shal
stay on the mountain
i was out yesterday
and shot a shap

and i it gose well
the rebels air a shellin
this morning they have
bin at it for the last
8 Days but Dont Do
much hurt they had
a fight hear the other
knight well was 6 mi
from hear i eant
think ofeny moire
at present ~~[illegible]~~
so goodby

[illegible] Pott

Bridge Joart Ala

March 2/1 84

Dear pairents i now seat my self to let you know how i get along i an well ~~of~~ at present exsept abad cold the smalpox ishear i cant think of much to tell this time we have bilt winter quarters two times sins we got hear lew Bat sais he thinks that he will get afurlough son well they have caled me to go of some whare and so i must stop

Charles Potter

1864

Bridgeport Ala March 9th

Dear parents i once more
seat myself to let you
know how I get along
I am better than I was
when I wrote before
and we have agood time
have Plenty to eat and Plenty
of fun Plenty of guard Duty
to do there is three of us
in atent their names is
H H Fenton H C Farnsw
And my self F N Johnson
was with us but he
has gon to the 7 Ohio
Clint White ~~We~~ ~~we~~
makes agood Soldier
let ~~me~~ me know how
Henry McIntosh gets
along icant think of much

More to write this
time Lew Buts haint
got his furlough yet
igvess that he wont get it
Well i cant think of
much more to write
give my best respects
to all this from

Charles Potter

(14th 1864

Bridgeport Ala March

Well Hiram ireceived
your Wellcom letter the 13th
but I was on guard
and did not get time
to write But thare is
not much news to write
at present every thing
is quiet hear now they
claimed that Morgan was
acoming (in hear but
I guess that he wont
come At present the
talk now is that we air
~~[illegible]~~ agoing Back
to the army of the Potomic
but how they it is idont
know ~~how they it is~~

Charles Potter

Well Hiram do
you shote the gun much
if you do how does
it go i cant think of any
[illegible] to wright [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] best
[illegible]

Charles Potter
Hartsgrove
Ohio
[illegible]
Hartsgrove

Hartsgrove Ashtabula
County Ohio
[illegible]

Bridgeport Ala

March 29th/[illegible]

Dear Pairents I receive
your kind leter & im
dew time and was glad
to hear that the folks
was all well as for my
self I am ~~[illegible]~~ tuf as
ever there is not much
news to wright there
was about 15 inches of snow
hear the 22nd but it did
not last long
I have got to go on
guard know so goodby

Charles Potter

Bridgport Ala

April 12th/64

Dear pairents I recei
yours off the 3 ct to day
and was glad to hear from
home onse more and hear
the folks was well & as for
myself I am well
White and Noris I s sick
with the mumps the rest of
the bys is well
Perhaps you would like to
know what I have to eat
well it is soft Bread and
sowbelly shugar and Coffee,
beaf potatoes and Sovre crout
syrup Beans Rice and
Veytable ~~like~~ like that I took
home I gves that is all

Well mother i send
you a ring which I made
out of a shell that I got out
of the TENN River I dont
know whether it is large enough
or not if it haint large enough
I will send you another

Well Hiram you spoke about
the gun and what and how
much I wanted for it well
if you cant get $15 for it you
keep it if you want it
~~[illegible]~~ I cant think of
~~[illegible]~~ this time ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ give my best
respects to all

Charles Potter

this Paper Was so thin
I thought it was bot
ahalf of asheat it Dont
Matter know

Bridgport [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] found us well
[illegible] to hear from
[illegible] not seen
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
to clay Soft Bread
Sowbelly and coffee to
Morough it is a change

NOT YET.

Not yet—along the purpling sky
We see the dawning ray;
But leagues of cloudy distance lie
Between us and the day.

Not yet—the aloe waits serene
Its promised advent-hour;
A patient century of green
To one full, perfect flower!

Not yet—no harvest song is sung
In the sweet ear of Spring;
Nor hear we, while the blade is young,
The reaper's sickle swing.

Not yet—before the crown the cross;
The struggle ere the prize;
Before the gain the fearful loss;
And death ere Paradise.

[illegible] coffee sowbelly and
[illegible] bread but this haint
[illegible] beans Rice
[illegible] and sovre crout
I think that is all
well I must give you a ~~[illegible]~~
Patern of my shanty it is
8 by 12 and 4½ high and
the shingals is a canvas
which is 14 by 18 and makes a
good cover fireplace in the
[illegible] thare is 4 of us in it
[illegible] beds is in one end one
above the other. it is know
one Oclock at knight I am
on ignard to knight and
so goodby

Charles Potter

Bridgport

April 26

Dear Parents
I received your let
to Day and was gl
hear from home
more and hear that the
was Well As for myself
I am Well
Father you spoke about
my being mustard and sw
in the service but I supp
that I was but they
say it was not legal a
for my being examined
by a surgeon I never w
the Captin has rot
& to the War Department
at Washington to find o

afort it and as soon
as he finds out I will
let you know about it
the boys in the 7 Ohio
[illegible] that they will get
out when the Regiments
time is out if they do ishe
fore i come in the same tim
that they did the Cap
says that thare is a
screw loos some whare
but i will wait untill
the 7 time is out in June
they cant make me [illegible]
again X Lew Bots got
back 6 Days ago

Well Hiram I send
you a ring I guess it is
to big for you

thare was one of the 7th
ohio over hear just now
he says that the offisers
that was with us new
that we could not be
sworne in to go out with
the Regiment and so they
had us sworn in for
three years so they could
get their pay imost
Stop this From

Charles Potter

Bridgport

April 2[illegible]

Dear Parent[illegible]

the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I started a [illegible]
Three Overcoats 5 [illegible]
to blankets one Overcoat
1 shirt belongs to H, C, Far[illegible]
Farnsworth shirt [illegible]
his Coat We Paid [illegible]
to send it if you [illegible]
[illegible] Farnsworth [illegible]
Coat to heck Hrg[illegible]
the ~~B[illegible]~~ Bundel Was
started the 28th and you
can get it any time

you Wish it is
time for the male to go out
and I must close
give mybest Respect
to all

Charles Potter

Bridgport Al

May 1st 18

Well Elizbeth I
resived yours of the 24th
morning and found me
[illegible] the box the other
al Wright Well you
that georgs had wrote
mee there is so meny
name of georgs I do
know ho you mean
However I haint had
from George
know [illegible] Will
[illegible] Theot
[illegible] the other and E
$5 ct and tell them
isent them Wright
from Charles to E

Well Father ithoyght
that I Woull drop you
aline you spoke about tha
[illegible] said that the Re
[illegible] the exspress was so
[illegible] was that they was
[illegible] to be gobeld Eaven
if they was the exspress
company was not Responsab
for them
Wright as soon as you
[illegible] the sack I think
[illegible] get [illegible] genell by
[illegible]
the boys is all Well
Well I cant think of any
more at Present I dont
know how long we will stay
hear know wright as soon
as you get this give my bes
Respects to all from
Charles to J K Potter

Kingston Ga

may 21st/64

Dear Pairents I
received your welcom letter
last knight and was
to hear from home
more and to hear that you
was all well

As for myself I am
as well as could be exspect
for we have bin on the
go ~~since~~ since we left
Bridyport ~~that~~ thare
was a harde fight the 13, 14 and 15
the knight of the 15th the johnny
Comenst to fall back we have
bin afier them since we have
Drove them about 50 miles the
19th was not in the fite mo
we was provogvards

We I have got to have
this in the Ofice in 20 minut
I told you that I had 2
rings but one of them was not
hisen ii will send the other
one this time I Dont know
when I shal have achance to
send his watch and Diary
and things.

It is time and I must
close for this time
wright Som I I From

Charles Potter

S

Georgia May

Dear Pairents I
Received your letter
the 17th this morning
was glad to hear fr
home once more and
hear that you was all
well as for my self
am well I would let
you know what Place
in Georgia I am if
I knew we air about
25 miles from Kingston
we left Kingston yester
went 15 miles and I have
went about 12 miles to-
day and have Stoped for
Diner in a wheat field
Corn is from 10 to 15 inches

~~inches~~ hi Potatoes air in
flo the wheat is as hi
as my hed but enough
of this I am glad that
Hartesgrove has filled up
her coto ofmen I think
that they will do if
they will ~~come~~ come but
the troubel is they wont
they will Pay $300 at least
them that I would like to
have come I hurd that
Lenard Grover was drafted
if he is I am sory
I started to scratch
afiew lines the other day
and did not have time
to finish it i will send
that ~~that~~ ring that ~~that~~
Brother Franklin had in
this letter if idont
forget it

I presume that you have
hurd about that fight
so thare is no use for me
to ~~to~~ tel al of the Peticulars
but Father I did not
think that thare would be
half as meny left as thar
was it would have bin
a great deal of satisfactory
to me if Brother Franklin
could have bin brought
of from the field but
circumstances would not
alow it
I saw aff Frost the 22nd
and Sam Miler

Charles Potter

Camp near Mar

June 7th 1864

Father I reseived
your welcom letter
the 23d last eavning
found me well and
hope that this will f
you all the same
About them things
Brother Franklin ha
I have got them all
I have got that
against H. Turner
had paid Frankl
Rob Williams oad
$18.00 Franklin oa
for the watch that
got there is some
small Setts A B

Knows all about his
circomstances and I
will Leave it for him
I think that we will
send them things by
some of the 7th for
they air agoing home
soon I have told you
about all of the things
Well on the 25th of May
we went in to a fight
about one O clock and the
Furst thing Jo. Mars
[illegible] and W. Noris and
[illegible] self went to take
him of we took him
back about ½ mile then
got him in the
ambulance and he wan
me to go to the Hospital
with him for he had
not long to live and

so I went it was
about 3 miles I staid
up with him all knight
the 26th he was in
agood Deal of pain
and could not be mov
on the morning of the
27th he said that he
felt better and I
Washed him all over
and put a some clean
close on him I got th
Done about half past 8
in the morning and he
said he felt better bu
at 45 minutes past 9 O clock
he Breathed his last he
Died very easy he talked
Within 10 minutes before he
Died I Laid him out
and then I went and mai
a coffin the best I could

out of ruff boards
then I went and
Dug a grave this took me
untill Dark and we
got orders to move
the Hospital and so
we put him in the coffin
and buried him this
Was all that I could Do
I must close For
this time [illegible]

Charles Potter

This Speaks in regard to the
blood Stained Book it was [illegible]
the Col of the 38 Gorgia Regt
Camp near Dalas Ga

June 9th 1864

Dear Pairents I got
your welcome letter of
the 29th & 30th found me
well and I hope that this
will find you all the
Same About them
things A B and my [illegible]
[illegible] just Done them [illegible]
[illegible] will start [illegible]
[illegible]
Conversing [illegible] the [illegible]
A B is [illegible]
Aquainted with him
Dont [illegible] for them yet
for they may not start
[illegible] or 5 Days but they
may go in 1 or 2 Days

cant tell for sutain
I will Drop you a line
soon as they start
he will take them as
as Cleveland and se
them to Geneva by
express I will ~~borrow~~
borrough 50 cts to pay the
express and if you will
send me the same I would
like it for we haint got
Paid yet nor I dont
know when we will get
some time I guess
but I can get that for
15 or 20 Days if I will pay
it then
I have Done them up the Best
that I could thare is the
Watch and Diary pen and holder
and led pensilt 3 Photographs
Pocket Book and them things

thare is a K in the
Pocket Book that I For
untill know but keep it
I would open it but
is to much troubel the
watch chain is in the
and other things you w
find Lather brush and t
toth Brush that other B
is one that I got at the
Battel of Recaca on the
16th Day of may and I
I want you to take go
cair of it For it is o
that the col of the 38th Sa
had he was struck with
a peas of a shell and it
hit the Book, H P Turner
has gon to the
Hospital he told me he
would Pay it just as
soon as we got Paid

It is good any time
Henry may not be with us
When we get paid I Dont
now how that will Be
[illegible] I will
[illegible] wright
[illegible] 63 00 Dolars
[illegible] to him and he was
[illegible] $2850 I guess that this is
[illegible] The Boys is all well
[illegible] of any mo[illegible]
[illegible] so good By From
Charles Potter To
D. Potter
[illegible]

Ga
Camp [illegible]
June 22nd 1864

Dear pairents I
now take the Opertunity
of wrighting you a few
lines tlet you know that
I am still alive I haint
had a letter for some
time We had a figh the
15th the 29th lost 51 of
which, 10 of them was
killed the 29th started
from Bridyport 447
men know we have got 161
We have lost 178 in killed
and wonded We have bin in
4 fights I dont know
how many more I hope not

any cop is well we
sent them things I
presume that you have
got them before you get
this I told you to send
me ~~[illegible]~~ if you haint
sent it you need not
for I thought I would
let you pay it when
you get them I got a
letter from Louisa the
14th Mose Cook was wonded
in the sholdier not very
bad igress
Haint got any pay yet
and I dont know when
we shal We have a plenty
to eat Henry P. Turner
haint got Back yet
if he has got that gun yet

if he has tell him to B to keep it

I cant think of any
more this time so
goodby To, J, K & J

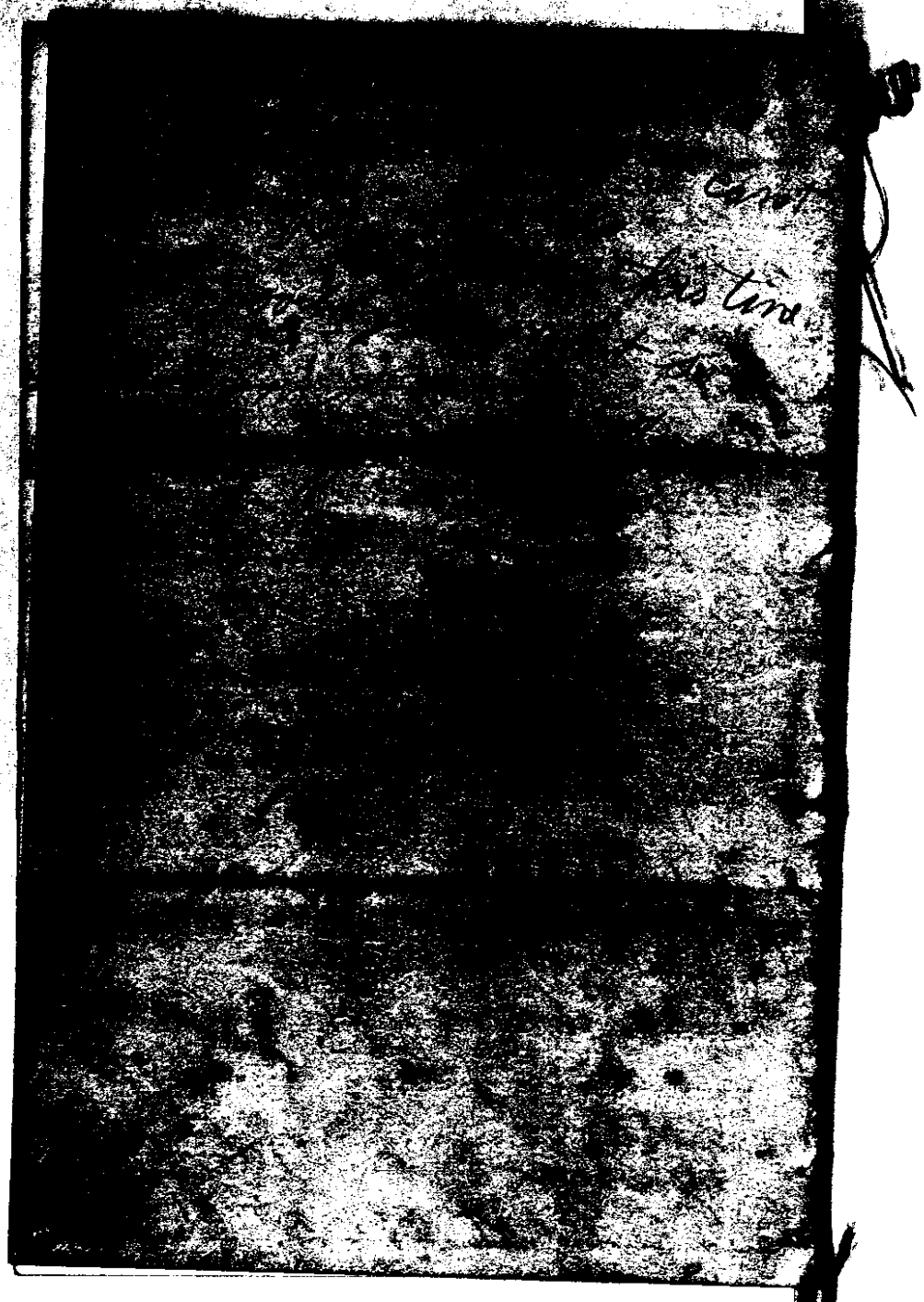
From Charles P

Tell Hiram that I would
like to hear from [illegible]

Camp of the 29th Oh

June 28th 1864

Dear pairents I
got yours of the 14th
23rd was glad to hear
home and hear that
was well as for myse
I am well there is n
much news to wright
about But I will
tell you w
I saw on the 23rd
the ~~enemy~~ Enem
missed 2 corpse on
1st Division of the 20th
and thought they
break our line b

they could not make
it out what their los
was idont know it is
wreported to be 600 killed
idont know as it was
as heavey as that but thare
was 24 peaces of artillery
a playing on them from
the hill that we air on
they went back faster
than they went up thare
has bin fighting hear
Every Day since the 25th
of May Tell Mr Marshes
folks that Jasy Coulee
and ~~Charles Beckw~~
Charles Beckwith was
wonded yester day the first
had had his ley taken
of the other will loose his
arm

they was wonded on
the skirmish line I
Dont know whether
Mr Marshes folks knew
them them or not but
Joseph was aquainted with
them both. the 29th
has lost some over 200
in killed and wonded thare
is not a Day but what
some one is wonded
but Enough of this
send me some Stamps
if you can I have got
[illegible] but I dont [illegible]
[illegible]t out
I will send a Canon
Cap so you can see one
haint got paid yet
I have got 6 months pay