William Hays Co.E 78th Penn.
Killed Stones River

[illegible] 4th 1863

[illegible] Sir

I [illegible] therefore [illegible]

William is no more [illegible] in the battle field that is he was wound in the knee and the letter says he lay in the field twenty four hours that happened the 2d of [illegible] and he lived to the 27th [illegible]

[illegible]

know two [illegible] for perhaps it might do her some harm we are afraid she is not well as we got no word from her this long time I hope you will be so kind as to see at Mr Ralston about Williams Money and

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write to me and let me know
what he will say or where
he intends to pay it and
by doing so you [illegible]
oblige a me very [illegible]
you can let Susan know
that her Mother wants her
to come and see her as soon
as she can and let her write
before she comes and Robert
will meet her in St Kittenning

I will say no more at
this time but we all join
[illegible] sending our love to you
[illegible] our kind love
[illegible]

I remain your welwisher

Fredrick Hays

Susan wishes was to
bring him home but he
was Buried Seven days
before we got word.

February 6th 1862

Camp Wood Heart County State of Kentucky

Dear sister

as this is a very pleasant day and I haveing the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present hopeing that those few lines will find you all in the same state of health as it leaves me in at present Dear sister I received your kind letter yesterday and feels happy to here that you were all well we are still encampt at green river and do not know when we will leave here we had a glorious victory win at summerset on the 19th of the last month the attack had been made by the rebel general Zollicoffer and the union general Thomas the rebel los is reported to be 500 killed and 400 wounded also 400 prisoners with 16 cannon and 1000 stand of armes and 1500 horses and mules with many others articles to numerious to mension our los is said to be about 147 killed and wounded this fight was within 40 miles of here and our brigade was under marching orders to go and reinforce Thomas but as we were not needed the orders was countermanded the rebel general Zollicoffer fell that day along with some more of his officers I received a letter from Samuel some time past but as I had nothing of any importance to write I thought I would wate till we would advance to wards Rowlinggreen

UU

I had a letter from home last week and it stated that the ware all well I also had a letter from Philadelphia last week and the are all well there the most of this regiment is in good health at the present time the had been agreate many sick here the are thirty three be dead out of this regiment we have had no sesow here yet but what it louses in snowing it makes it up in raining we have had only three dray days out of the last month and the mud is knee deep we have not drilled any for the last month on the cout of the mud we have nothing to do but lay in our tents only every eight days we have to stand twenty four hours on picket I have but little more to add at present. yonley I send my best respects to you and Mrs and Mr McFarland and also to Samuel and to Russel and Wife and Family in the kindest manner but Remember to Write Soon nomere at present but remain your brother till Death

Wm Hays

So Susan Hays

Write

Derict as before

78 Penn.

Camp Andy Johnson
Murry county State of Tennessee
March [illegible]th 1862

Dear Sister

I take my seate in Tennessee for to [illegible] you a few lines to let you [illegible] and I hope that [illegible] will [illegible] all in good health I received your kind letter to day and was happy to hear that yours [illegible] well we [illegible] at [illegible] Woods on the 13th of February [illegible] our march [illegible] when we got [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] on the 5 [illegible] to guard the city and the rest of the army moved on to wards chatsuga but when the came to the Tennessee River the rebels had burned the Bridge but it is now repaired and the troops is moving on on the 2[illegible]th Siswells Regiment was order out to gaurd the Rail Road bridges from Nashville to the Tennessee river leaving a company at every bridge along the road Hoseys Company had to walk 40 miles before we stoped we are gaurding a bridge across Weatherfords creek within 5 miles of Collumbia it is a very beautifull Appleace and plenty of good water the old planters is coming to plant there cotten and the have planted there carn here the full

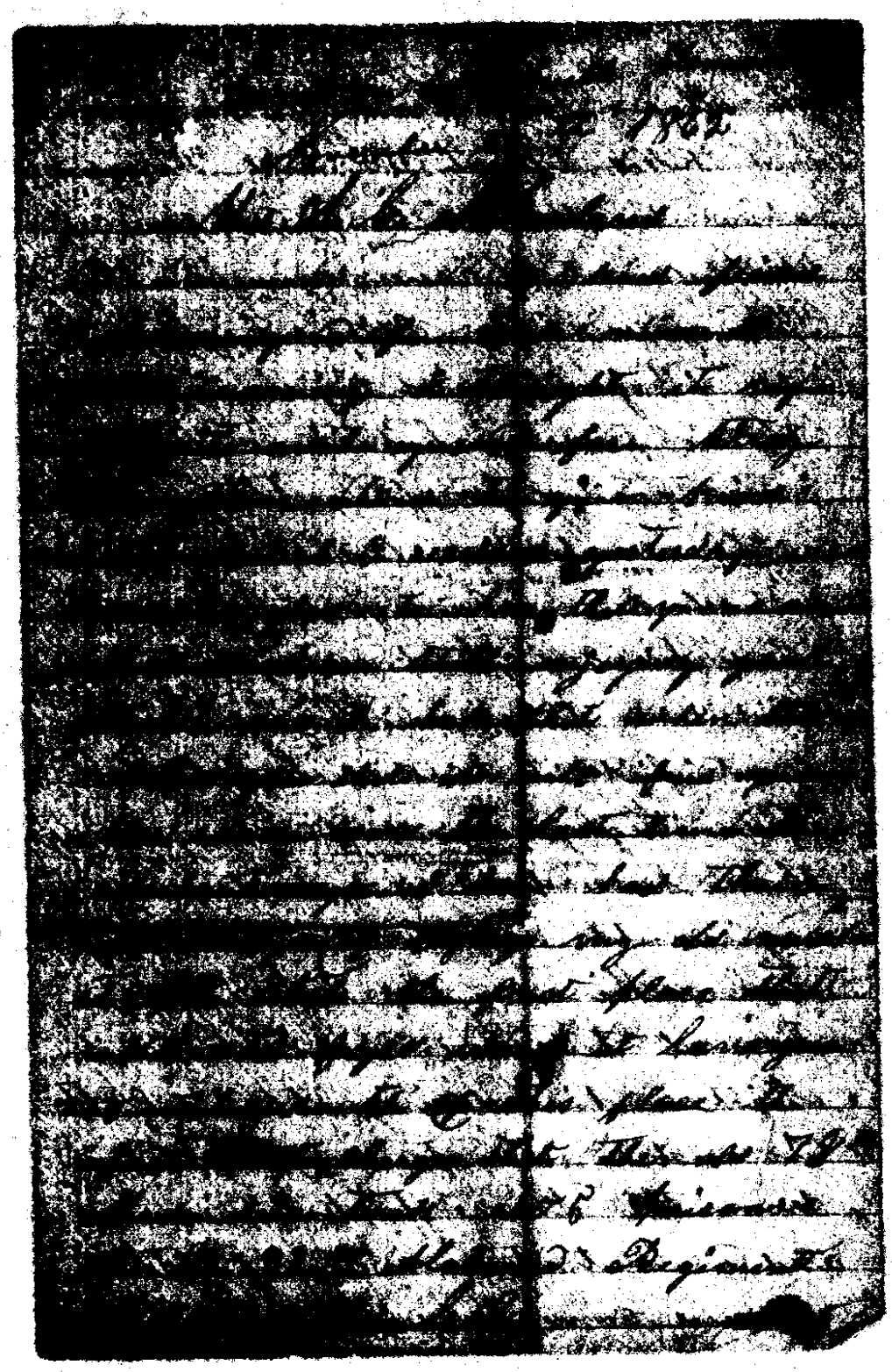
grain looks well down here
the have to posture it to keep it
down I do not know how long we
will stay here perhaps till the war
is over and I think that will not
be long cording to reports I had no
letter from home for two weeks
I had a letter from Philadelphia some
time past and tha stated that they
were all well I I would write often
to you but postegas stamps is very
scarce here and money the postmaster
will not take I want you to
remember and write soon and not
delay as long as you did before
I send my best love to you all
in the kindest manner I think
I must close as the mail goes out
soon so nomore at present but
remains your brother till Death

William Hays

To Miss Susan Hays
Adress Camp Andy Johnston
Col. William Sirewells Reg 78th P.V
Company C State of Tennessee

~~Write Soon very Soon~~

78 Penn,



in all we took about 300 prisoners
and killed about 40 and wounded
about the same. The [illegible]
killed out of our regiment the
were few slightly wounded [illegible]
the Major of our regiment [illegible]
[illegible] prisoner but was [illegible]
a few days after the [illegible]
battle [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of here where general [illegible]
[illegible] himself [illegible] [illegible] to come
[illegible] close to general Negley with
about fifteen hundred Cavalry
When Negley heard of him being
there he ordered out two
regiments under command of
Col Miller we left [illegible]
here at twelve o clock at
night and ordering the 7 [illegible]
[illegible] advance at day [illegible]
drove [illegible] there pickets [illegible]
and about two miles further
we came to where the [illegible]

[illegible] the were [illegible]
[illegible] line of battle to [illegible]
[illegible] but the first volly [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] further [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] musket [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] again we [illegible]
[illegible] about three miles to the
Cumberland river but could not
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 26 dead rebels and
[illegible] [illegible] we took 80 prisoners
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
we lost one man and few slightly
wounded the were only our regiment
in the [illegible] as the other regiment
did not get up in time [illegible]
[illegible] one day general Anderson
[illegible] with about five thousand
and [illegible] pieces of canon
[illegible] [illegible] place but after

[illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] when night came on
[illegible] the next morning the [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] our regiment was supporting
[illegible] and it was planted on
[illegible] hole but we lay [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] balls cutting the
[illegible] of [illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] that I [illegible]

[illegible] is bearfooted and [illegible]
[illegible] the squire we are right [illegible]
[illegible] butter sells at one [illegible]
[illegible] cts per doz fresh [illegible]
[illegible] per pound other things [illegible]
[illegible] last night all night [illegible]
[illegible] loosing my [illegible]
[illegible] to be little [illegible]
[illegible] that I [illegible]
[illegible] I send my best respects
[illegible] all in the [illegible]
[illegible] at present but I remain
[illegible] truly William Hays

[illegible] Wm Simmons [illegible]
[illegible] capt [illegible]
Nashville
Tennessee
[illegible]