Shelbyville Tenn) Jan 10th 1863

Dear Father & Mather

Brothers & Sisters I Sent my Self this Evening to let you Know that I am well at present Hoping when these fo Lines Come to Hand ma find you all well & doing well I Have not much news to write the (Reg) is Generally healthy I Say to you tha we have had a Battle at Murfreesboro Te So we have had to Lay out without fire or Tents which gave some of our men the Ba Colds though we gained the day I Shall Endeaver to give you a Sketch of the Batt and the Seans of the Battle Field I Have not got time to write very much one of our men is a going to Start home in the morning he is a member of the Reg-) he Lives in Collin County well the next is tell us Something about the Fight I will, The Battle at Murfreesboro Tenn Commence Dec 30th 186 (12) oclock the work now began the picketts faught all day untill about 4 oclock

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in the Evening then the Yankes made Charge at our men and tride to Brake our Lines they failed to do so then our men poured the Shot & Shell at them Like hail so they fell back & tried the tricks again & Still failed the Last Charge they made that day was at dark it being very dark the fire Ceased that Knight we past the Night off very well we was Ready for them next Morning The Sun Rose through the thin Clouds that past over made Every thing Look Glorry at this time the Cannons and Muskets kept up a continual roar the news now came that the 9th Texas had to try her hand at the Enemy all in good Spirits the word was forward we March up in a Short Distance of the Enemy we then fired on them our gallant Col. Said Boys Yander they are Charge them we then Charged them & Broke there Lines here we lost several men one of whom you all know J. M. Byrd he Spoke a few words before he Died he Said that I am Ded But thanks God I am Happy

The fight was Still going on the Shot & Shell fell very fast the ground now was covered with Yanks Ded & wounded the Sean was an awfull one our men Charged them again & Broke there Lines & drove them back 3 miles they left ther ground covered with Ded & wounded Yanks I was a detail to Carry the wounded off the field my Self and 29 more So I was all over the field generly the Second days fight lasted all day as I Said I was all over the Battel field I Stood in my tracks and Counted 50 Ded Yanks and not one of our men we killed 4 to 1 and gained the Day I Should Like to give you a full Detail of the fight paper is Scarce our force was 40.000 Strong and the Enemy was 70.000 Strong our loss Killed & wounded was 5000 the Enemy was 20.000 we taken 4 Batrys & ther Horses my Capt got wounded Lee Carlen & Nail Bullock is well the Rest of the Texas Boys is well & got through Safe I must come to a close for the present

Life is Short and uncertain then Let us all prepar to meet Eachother in Heaven Where partings no more I often think of you all and the time seems [illegible] I Hope the time is not far off when Peace ma be made

Remaining your Son untill Death
W. D. Earhart to
Godfrey Earhart and Maryam Earhart

I want to See you all very Bad I [illegible] that I Shall get the Chance [illegible] Soon I wrote 2 Letters one to [illegible] and one to you Some 15 days ago

When you get this Letter [illegible] want you to Read the 3rd [illegible] Just to Remember me I have [illegible] that Chapter to day

this is a world of trouble but I take Every thing fair and Easy and try to think the Less of it I Have not Drawn any money Get

tell the Children Howdy for me I Send you all my best Respects I Send you the Size of Dwight Hand to you I Hope you got the Letter

Shelbyville Tenn
April 11th 1863

Dear father and Mother
I Seat my Self to day to write you a
Few lins to let you know that i am yet one
Among the living, and engoying a reasonable portion
Of health, i hope when theas few lins coms to ha
May find you engoying the Same like blessing
I have nothing very interesting to write to you
Every thing is a going on as useual, the Spring of
The year is just now making a fare appearance
Every thing is in the appearance of growing thoug
We have frost every morning, though i expect tha
You are done planting in Texas if you have had go
Luck The health of the Regt. is good at this time they
Is very few cases of Sickness in camps now Lee Carter
Is well Noel Bullock is at Chattanooga Tenn at th
Hospittle he has bin Sick i got a letter from
Him the other day he was a mending Slowley he
Is a going to try to get a furlough to go hom
Tell he gets able for Servis agame i Should like t
Come to Se you all very much if i could perhaps
I may get the chance to come home Some of theas g
Days i Should like very much to Se oald
Hopkins agare and all of the oald neighbors

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We have to drill about 5 hours every day 3 in
Morning 2 in the earning, our Regiment is
About as good drild troops as they is in t
Army with the exceptions of a few Regts
From georgia and i flatter my self that th
Are as good pluck as ever faste the yan
It is given up that they done the best fi
That was done at the battle before Menfrees
On the 31st day of last December we wer meith
Supported on the right nor left but we rol
The enemy killing and wounding about 150
Yanks, Genl S.B. Maxey is at port hudson
I have not heard from Grand mothers this year
I have wrote them several letteras i am looking
For a letter from them every day every th
That is for sale is verry hi i will mention a
Few things chickens 2 to 4 dollars eggs $2.50 per doz
Flour 30 cts per pound and every thing else in
Perportion Clothing is very high we have plen
of Corn bred and bacon to eat onest and a
While i get a mess of wilde greens which
Helps me out a grate deal though in this
Country greens is verry scarce i should like to
Se you come over and see me a kooking i recke
You would think that i was verry lazeys (Sernaver

And friends agame, i think that if i was at home
Now i could get plenty of milk and butter to
Eat and bacon and greens Chickens and eggs &c
I received the letter that you Sent by jacob
Lindley all So one that was wrote in january
I am allways glad to hear from you i wish that
I could get a letter from you erry week i have
Wrote you several letters Since i have bin at this
Place we have bin here at this place longer
Than we have ever bin at a place yet though
I doo not know how long we will Stu here
Some thinks that we will have a battle at this
Place but we have not had no appearance of it yet
The Cavalry has a a little Scrimish and taks 2 or 3
Regts prismors with out very little fiting erry
week or 2 the moste of the people think that
Peace will be made in a Short time i am in
Coaps so my Self So that we can all enjoy this
Life a little better than we have for the past
We have preaching most evry Sabbath
We had preaching last Sabbath at 10 o clock
The Text was the 11th chapter of Mathew 28, 29, 30th verses
I have heard the Same chapter preacht from
A grate many times it is one of grate intrest

You can tell Miss Gambler that i see jim most
Every day he is in tolerable good health Sam rose is
Fat & Pave attaway robbert rimer and miley mins
Is getting along very well john fanning is ded
He dide with the Small pox i saw ander-odden
about 2 melks ago Sed that he would write to
You well i must bring my letter to a
Close for this time remaining your Son
Untill deth

W. D. Earhart to
Godfrey Earhart and
Mary Ann Earhart
And all of the family

Give my best
Respects to all
Of the neighbors
And friends if
There be any

Henry you must write
To me i expect that paper
is cane then you must wri
When you can and i will do
The Same

Chandler you and
Miranday must
Write as after as
you get the opportunity

Dear mother you
Have wrote to me several
Times for me to send you my degeratype bu
I have never got the chance to get it taken yet i wi
Get it the first chance they are very few artists
About here fare well for this time Dear Mother