

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters
NC1-06, William T. Tippitt**

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**William T. Tippitt was from Macon County, North Carolina and served in Co. B,
39th North Carolina Infantry.**

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William T. Tippet to Alfred W. Bell

Camps Bouen Meridian Miss Oct 8 1863

Dear Capt

I Recd your leter By Lt. Anderson
and was glad to hear from you but by your
leter & anderson I learn you to be in rether
a panful condition I am sorry it is So
for I know thay are a great many things
going onn in Macon that are very Disagreeabl
With you and a man of your pluck It must
Be miserabl that you have no Beter a
Way of helping your Self than you doo I
think If you was with co B you
Be Obeyed mutch Beter than you are in
Macon no doubt you wold Be mutch
Beter pleased your self I hardly know
what to think about our Hoam folkes
Turning out to Derleckting and incouraging
Dissertion from all accounts thay are but
very tru Patreotical citizens in Macon
M<??> who I thought coold of helt to South
untile the last hav lost all faith & say
come hoam Ch<il?> and lete evry thing go
<??am?> union man & <I?> Bel<?> it is right
you Spok of men Disserting tha<?> you
was not thinking off I was Surprised so
very mutch for I can tell you I doant

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think thay was a Loyal Soaldier among
them Co B was in the fight and did

hur duty all foght like herows but P Mason [Pvts. Peter Mason and Joseph Melton]
jos Meton E Talant was cut prety bad th<??> [Pvt.Eli or Ephraim Tallent]

Low poor felow hardly got to fire a gun until his [poss. Pvt. Thomas Lowe]

Branes was Shot out Serg West came very nigh [Sgt. William West]
Being Capturd too or three times again he will
go Before in spit of the Devil Capt we don
a great deal harder fighting at chickamaga than
Murfreessburr Jo Mason Reach campes and [Pvt. Joseph B. Mason]
appears like he will mak a great deal Beter Soolde<?>
than Peter Did Co is small But Beter
men doant walk than the oal part of co B
John Lov John Henry por felows was severly [Pvts. John R. Love and John Henry]
wound But I am in hops Both will get
well thay was Both dooing thear duty But I
cant Prase One mor than a nother all don
well except the above names and But Al <yung?> [poss. Pvt. Albert Young]
Runn lik the very Devil from the start
Capt I hopt you will soon Be Relievd and
will have the plesur of meeting your compy
we wold Be glad to see you at any time but
if you had a for<c?> <S?>urfician to rout and Rile th<?>
D D Lo<r?>ng I wold Rether you wold Stay for
I know you wold Delight in Dowing So
Excus my short and Bad leter Henry moor is coming hoam on
furlow and I am agoing to send it By him wright soon and often
to you sincer friend & wil<?> m<??> W T Tippett