

People Mentioned in Letters

Sept 1861 Letter

Mr. Hood
Tom Benedick
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Ben McCullough
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James Forsyth
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Conrad Wall
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A D Corbey
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Jack Wall
Thomas Turman
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E.R. Smith
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Winslow Corley
W H Daniels
Thomas Hodges
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J J Langley

Sept 23, 1864 Letter

Capt Booty
Jack Wall
J T Herrin
Monroe Fite
Eli Banks
Thomas Hodges
Green Hodges

(The first page of this letter has been lost, but
evidently it is the first letter Henry Watson^{wrote} after
leaving to join the Confederate army)

them sick we faird Splendid as we come up here we was
Seven days a coming we found the cleanest People on the
way that I ever saw when we got up in the upper edge of
Smith County we Stopped and Stayed two days and went a
driving and killed two deer Mr Hoods Horse died as we
come up and he come with us to uncle Newells and he
taken uncle Benedicks Tom horse and Hood and the balance
of us Boys obligated ourselves to pay him whatever was
right for the horse he was here a foot among Strangers
and that was all the chance for him to get a horse he
said he would write back to Panola and get him a horse
to plow nest Spring I and uncle Newel told him if he
could do that it would be allright we thought he wrote
and obligation and we all Signed it with him and if he
never Returned and we do we will pay him for the horse
the first Camp we went to was near Quitman the name of
the Camp was Camp Locke we got there on Friday and left
there on Monday to come to goose Lake which is about
thirty five miles we got here on Tuesday night and I
hope we will Start to move from this Camp on Saturday
next.

If you want to wright to me direct your letters in this
way Henry Watson Plano Collin County Texas Lockes
Regiment in care of Capt. Craig direct your letters

in this way and make no difference where we go it will come to me.

Write to me as soon as you get this letter and perhaps it will come to me before we leave there but it does not get before it will come to me any where s.

You must excuse my bad writing for I have writ on my nee I have nothing more to writ I forgotten to tell you about our fair we have plenty of Bacon flour meal beef Rice peaches we have no coffee but we have plenty of tea I will quit.

H. Watson

... two days and went a driving
... would two deer the Woods Horse had
... two or three horses and became willing to
... the wheels and he to be named the horses
... and the hood and balance of the
... the horse. I believe the physician
... was right for the horse he was
... among strangers and that was
... for him to get a horse
... he would write back to ...
... to plow next spring and
... told him if he could do that it
... that he would do that and oblige
... signed it with him and if he were
... and we do will pay him for the horse
... camp went to ... near ... the name
... was ... we got there
... and left there on Monday ...
... which is a ...
... we got here on ...
... we will start to ...
... Saturday next ...
... to me direct ...
... Henry Watson ...
... Texas ...
... direct ...
... makes no difference where you
... to me

...it is my duty to have nothing more to
...of forgotten to tell you about our farm
...we have plenty of Bacon flour meal beef &c
...fresh butter no eggs but we have plenty
...to the full gut

Yours
W. C. ...

Camp McNight Red River Co
Texas January 31st 1862

Dear Father and Mother

As I have the opportunity of sending you a few lines by hand I will do so orders come to our Regiment on yesturday evening from Gen McIntosh to March fourth with to Masouria we have been transfurd from Gen McCullough to Gen McIntosh and McCollough has gone to Virginia to take Charge of the Cavelry thare and we will leave here next Thursday on our way to Masouria I thought I would get a fur low and come home but I do not expect to come now untill my time is out I have not mutch of importance to write to you we are all well at present and all of us have enjoyed very good health since we have been here except Augustus Coats and he has the Chills every few days yet I no not where to write to for I no not where we will go to you must write to me as soon as possible if you can any opportunity to send me a letter by hand I want you to writ Jack and Ham Armstrong has gone home and they wihl come through Garthage as they on thee Return Back and you can send a letter by them if Cotton gets to be a pretty good price Send mine off and Sell it and if it dont keep it untill it does get to be a good price or keep it untill I come back I would like to see you all very mutch but I dont expect to see you all untill my time is out give my respects to all of the connection and Neighbors and I will close by Subscribing my name as your affectionate Child untill Death

Henry Watson

Jacksonport Jackson Co Arkansas
January ~~1863~~ 1862

March 29th

Dear Father & Mother I received your letters that you and Catherine wrote I take my seat to write you a few lines to inform you that I am enjoying tolerable good health at present I have not been well for the last three weeks I have had the Meesles but I have got well I had a very tight time of it I taken them a day or too after we left Little Rock and it was four days before I new what was the metter with me I rode four days before the Meesles broke out on me and then I had to ride two days after they broke out on me before I got to Jackson port and it had like to have killed me there was no boddy that wanted to take a person in there houses with the Meesles after we got here there was eight of our Company that had them and we had to go to the hospittal and I and James Forsyth Stayed in there Sixteen days that we never Saw out Side of the House Mr Bert was left behind with a young Man that belonged to our Company that was Sick and the young Man Died and Mr Bert come on to the regiment he overtaken us at Jackson port and he did use to live here and as Soon as he got to the Regiment and found that we was in the Hospittal he got permission to come to town where we was at and he come to me and asked me if I had not rather go to a private house and I told him yes I would go anywhere to get out

of that place and he went and got a buggy and taken I and James Forsyth to a house about two miles from town and we have been a mending ever since to day is Seven days we have been here and we are a going to Camp to morrow we have been well enough for two or three days to go to Camp but I thought it best to stay here untill we got Stout the folks we are a Staying with is the clearest People that I every saw it Seems like they cant do enough for us if it had not been for the Ladies we would have died while we were in the Hospittal they would come every day and bring Some thing to eat if it had not been for them we would have Starved we had nothing to eat but some soup made out of Strong dried beef and a little coffee and bread which was not fit for a Sick person to eat there is two things I can give Arkansas praise for and that is the Ladies and the Water there is the kindest Ladies and the best Water that I ever saw in Arkansas Mr Hood had the Meesles at the same time I did and they did not hurt him a bit he didnt lay up but two days with them

when me and Hood taken them there was not any one of our Mess in Camp we all had them and have got well they have about all got in Camps but me at one time there was about half of the Regiment down with the Meesles

the Regiment was ordered to Salem the other day and there was only about five hundred that was able to go and they went and left the sick and them that had been Sick here

the report said that there was fifteen hundred of the
yankies close by there and they had not force enough to
whip them as soon as they here that our men is coming they
will run I wish I had have been well enough to have went
with them Price and McCullough had a big fight with the
yankies about five thousand men and McCullough was killed
and so was Gen McIntosh, Price Slightly wounded but we
gained the victory I have told all the war news that I no
I believe we have lost four men out of our Comrany but
you do not no but two of them Lee Gary and William King
that lived in Shelby Co

tell Mrs. Wall that I have not Saw Conrad and Jack for
nearly a month they taken the Meesles while we was at
little Rock and we left them there but I herd from them a
few days ago and they was about well and I guess they
have come on to Camps I have not herd from Camp inn Several
days there was a man told me that he saw Augustus Coats in
town the other day and I guess they come with him James
Herrin and Thomas Sparkman has come in to Camps but I have
not Saw them yet

when the Regiment comes back I expect we will be Stationed
here at this place for Some time if you write to me direct
your letters to Jackson port Jackson port is headquarters
of this division

I believe I have written all the news or at least all that
I no I want to see you all very mutch give my respects to
all of my connection and friends

you must excuse my bad writing for I am rather weak yet
and my hand is not Studdy I hardly no whether you can
read it or not and also excuse the mistakes that is in
this letter you must write to me every opportunity I
never was as glad to get a letter in my life as I was to
get them letters from you and Catherine I was weak and
low in Spirit and it revived me up the most in the world
I bring my letter to close by Subscribing my name yours
as ever

Henry Watson

Aark

Desark Ark April the 17th 1862

Dear Father & Mother I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well at present and all of the rest of the Mess is well and have been well every since we got well of the Meesles we have all had them and got well of them. Jack Wall has got the Mumps but have not hurt him we are now here in desark Arkansas and we have to dismount here and go to Memphis and there we will take the Rail Road at Memphis and go to Corinth there will be the big Battle they have been fighting for Some time and we have wiped them every time yet our Regiment was very much opposed to dismounting untill we got here and the General Said that it was impossible for us to get forage for our Horses and we concluded rather than disband and go home that we would dismount and take it afoot we will not be considered as Infantry and we will receive the Same wages that we did when we was Cavalry they could not have forced us to dismount but I thought rather than be disbanded and have to go home at this Season of the year I would try it afoot although did not like to give up my horse mutchbut our Country needs our assistance at the present and I expect to Serve my twelve months out Some way if I live if I cant get to Ride I will walk. Our Horses will be sent Home there will be eight or ten men Detailed to take

them home I dont no how long we will be dismounted perhaps
we will be ordered to our Horses again in less than a
month and we may go afoot untill our time is out. I have
nothing more at present to write to you. I received your
letters the one you Sent by Jack Jordan and the one you
Sent by Adda Roaty which I was glad to Receive I was
glad to here that you was all well I have written Several
letters to you by male but I never have received ary one
from you by Mail I want you to write to me as often as
you can I do not no where to tell you to direct youe ~~ix~~
letters too In will write to you as often as I can give
my Respects to all of my Neighbors and friend you must
excuse my bad writing for I have to write on my nee I
remain your affectionate Son untill Death

Henry Watson

Ark

Fesark Ark April the 17th 1862

Dear Father & Mother I take my pen in hand
to write you a few lines to inform you that
I am well at present and all of the rest of
the Meeps is well and have been well every
Since we got well of the Meccles we have all
had them and got well of them Jack Wall
has got the Mumps but have not hurt him
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to dismount here and go to Memphis and there
we will take the Rail Road at Memphis and
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year, I would try it a foot although I did not
like to give up my horse match. ~~But~~ but our
Country needs our assistance at the present
and I expect to serve my twelve months
out some way if I ~~do~~ live if I cant get to ride I
will walk. Our Horses will be sent home
there will be eight or ten men. Detailed to
take them home I dont no how long we will
be dismounted perhaps we will be ordered to
to our Horses again in less than a month
and we may go a foot until our terms
out I have nothing to say at present to write
to you I received your letters the one you sent by
Jack Gordon and the one you sent by
Hilda Keaty which I was glad to receive I was
glad to here that you was all well I have
written several letters to you by mail but
I never here received any one from you by
Mail I want you to write to me as often as
you can I do not no where to tell you
to direct your letters too I will write to you
as often as I can give my respects to all of
my neighbors and friend you must excuse my
bad writing for I have to write as I see I remain
your affectionate son in law Fort to Henry Watson

London Tenn Nov the 16th 1862

Dear Father and Mother I take the present opportunity of writing to you one time more to inform you that I am well at present and all of the mess that is here is well and I hope that these few lines may find you all enjoying the Gods blessing I have nothing of importance to write to you there is no fighting a going on in this part of the Country now I was not with the boys in the fight at Richmond Ky as was at Aberdeen Mississippi Sick at that time I came very near dying there they all thought in the Company that I was dead I do not know when we will get to come home there has been some talk of our Regiment being discharged this winter but I do not know whether it is so or not I am in hope it is for I want to see you all very much I received a letter from you a few days ago John Stone taken it out of the office as I came to town and brought it to me in the

only letter that I had received from you
since I left Memphis by mail
John Hardy is a going home and I thought I
would send some money home by him I will
send \$125.00 one hundred and twenty
five Dollars ~~and~~ I drew two hundred
and thirty Dollars a few days ago and I
thought I would keep a tight mart for
fear I get sick again and need it
every thing is so high it takes nearly
all the money we can get to buy what
few things we are obliged to have Tobacco
is two Dollars a pound Shoes is twelve
Dollars per pair you need not send much
clothing you may send me one pair of pants
one pair of drawers and one pair of socks
if Hardy thinks he can bring them
Smith Light is about to get a furlow
on account of sickness and if he does I will
send my Disto home by him and if I need
it home you may sell one of them
or need any money use the money that I
I have and if you have not sold any

Cotton if you can get a good price for
it Sell it and use the money if you
need it

I have ^{nothing} more of importance to write to
you So I will bring letter to a close
pleas excuse my bad writing and Spelling
and all mistakes for I had to write
it in a hurry

when you write to me direct your letter
to me in Captain Bortys Company
Col Earps Regiment Tenth Texas
Cavalry Gen Mcbowins Division

Henry Watson

Letter of Henry Watson
From Co. H, Texas

Camp near Shelbyville Tennessee
Jan the 22nd 1863

Dear Father and Mother

I once more take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and the health of the company is tolerable good at present we had a little fight near Murfreesboro Tenn on the 31st day of Dec on the 30th it commenced about 10 oclock in the morning and the pickets fought untill night we lay there behind a fence in the distance of about three hundred yards of the yankees untill morning. About daylight next morning we was ordered to advance on them and we got over the fence and marched slowly along for about one hundred and fifty yards and the yanks began to fire on us they were lying down when they began to fire on us we was ordered to charge them and when we received the orders the boys raised the yell and started and when we got within about one hundred yards of them they ris a running about the time they started to run the minnie balls came apearently thick as ever I saw hail fall in my life but we soon routed them and drove them back about two miles and they took another stand and they fought us there the balance of the day our Brigade and one of the Arkansas Brigades charged some of their Artillery and did not succeed in taking it and they was so strongly fortified that we had to give back we whiped the worst kind they reinforced Gen Bragg was obliged to retreat back to Shelbyville our loss was considerable in the recent battle

the loss of our Regiment was one hundred and ninteen
killed wounded and missing there was three killed and
four wounded and two missing in our Company A B Corbey
T Habin and S T Hillard was killed S H T Melton, Sanford
Yates, Jas Harcythe, Jas Scott was wounded Lieut S J Walker
and J H Bell was missing but we have heard of Lieut Walker
he was taken prisnor and taken to Nashville and him and all
of the officers were taken to Illinors there to be imprisoned
untill exchanged There was one Lieut got away from Nashville
that was taken prisnor in the fight and he states that the
feds only taken about seven hundred prisinors and about forty
officers taken and I suppose that there will be no more
exchanging as far as I have heard from the Battle killed
wounded and taken prisnor our loss is about one tenth of
what there is in our army enrolled seven thousand
Prisnor besides the officers which was five Brigadier Gens
and one Map Gen We killed two Brigadier Gens and one
Map General I have told you all that I know about the
battle I came ^{THROUGH} through the fight safe and sound without
a scratch of a ball

Thomas Sparkman is about to get a discharge he has had
small pox but he is well now but he never will have the
use of his hand any more that was shot the Small pox
is a getting very numerous in our hospitals but our Regiment
has very near all been vaxinated I have been vaxinated
in both arms and it taken very well the next time you
write to me I want you to write to me number of the

Regidment the letter of the Company also the Brigade that Jack is in I want to write to him but I do not no whare to write to I received the letter this morning from you and Catherine that you sent by Lieut Williams which gave me much pleasure for I never wanted to hear from him so bad in my life Col Craig is a going to start home in a few days he was slightly wounded in the arm and he will get a furlow I want to see you all very mutch but I do not see mutch probably of ever getting to come home untill the war ends there is some talk of us being transferred across the Miss River but I think there is not mutch of ended to that bit in the news

I will send one hundred dollars by Col Craig and I also have a fine five shooter I will send by him if you need the money I send home use it and if not lay it out so that it will be of some advantage to me provided I ever get home pay my debts out of it I will bring my letter to a close for I have not room to write any more direct your letters to Shelbvville Tenn Ector Brigade Company H Tenth Texas Cavalry

Henry Watson

June the 22nd 1863

Camp near Shilohville Tenn.

Sir Father & Mother I once more take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and the health of the Company is tolerable good at present we had a little fight at Shilohville Tenn. on the 21st day of June on the 30th it commenced about 10 o'clock in the morning and the pickets fought untill night & we lay there behind a fence in the distance of about three hundred yards of the Yankees. untill morning about day light next morning we was ordered to advance on them and we got over the fence and marched slowly along for about one hundred and fifty yards and the yanks began to fire on us they were going down when they began to fire on us we was ordered to charge them and when we received the order the Boys raised the yell and started and when within about one hundred yards of them they rise running about the time they started to run the Minnie Balls come apparently thick as ever I never had fall in my life but we soon routed them and drove them back about two miles and they

took another stand and they fought us
there the balance of the day our brigade &
one of the Arkansas Brigades charged some of
their Artillery and did not succeed in taking it
and they was so strongly fortified that we had
to give back we whipped the west end of
the exposed. General Bragg was obliged to retreat
back to Shilburne our loss was considerable
for the next Battle the loss of our Regiment was
one hundred and nineteen killed wounded and missing
thirteen were three killed & five wounded & two
missing in our company. H. D. Corley, James Hamilton
S. J. Hamilton were killed & H. D. Hamilton
Standard, James Foreyth, James Sout was
wounded. Sicut J. J. Walker and J. H. Bell was
missing but we have heard of Sicut Walker he
was taken prisoner and taken to Washburn and
him and all of the officers was taken to Illinois
there to be imprisoned untill exchanged there
was one Sicut got away from Washburn that was
taken prisoner in the fight and he states
that the fed only taken about 1000

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hundred Prismars and about forty officers taken
and I suppose that there will be no more
exchanging officers as far as I have heard from
the Battle killed wounded and taken prisoners
our loss is about one tenth of what it was
our enemy ^{lost} ~~lost~~ seven thousand prisoners
the side the officers which was five Brigadiers
Generals and one Major Genl. we killed two
Brigadier Genls and one Major Genl
I have told you ^{all} that I was about the battle
I come threw the fight ~~fast~~ and found with
scratch of a ball
Thomas Sparkman is about to get a discharge
he has had the small pox but he is well now
but he never will have the use of his hands
any more that is that the small pox is taking
very numerous in our hospitals but our Regiment
has never been all been vaccinated I have been
vaccinated in both arms and it is very
well the next time you write to me I want
you to write to me number of the Regiment
the letter of the Company and the Brigade

This post is in I want to write to him and I
do not see where to write to I received the letter
this morning from you and Catherine that you
sent to Dr. Williams which gave me much to
think on for I never wanted to hear from
you and my wife. I had been as a going to
home in a few days he was slightly wounded
there and he will get a furlow I want to see
you all may meet but I do not see much probability
of my coming to some home to tell the world
I have some talk of being transferred with the
1st. Cavalry but I don't know whether it will be
to Fort Smith that means
I intend to send you a hundred Dollars thro. Mr. C. Gray
and I do not have a coin now I would send
you him if you need the money I don't know what
and I don't say it out so that it will be of some
advantage to me provided I ever get home paying
debts out of it I will bring my letter to a close and
I have not room to write any more direct your letters
to Whittell's Bend. 2nd. Texas Cavalry Company H. H. H.
I will be as usual by Dr. Williams's Texas Cavalry Henry H. H.

Jan the 30th 1863

Camp near Shelbyville Tenn
Dear Sister Catharine as I have the
opportunity of sending you a few
lines by Mr. F. J. Sparkman I
resolved to do so but I have nothing
of importance to write to you as it
has nothing since I write every
thing that I see and sent it by
Col. Craig. I am well at present
and all of the Boys is well that
you see in the Company except
Tarson Hood and I have not saw
him since we left Loudon Tenn.
I got a furlow there and went to
his Fathers I received a Letter from
him a few days ago and he wrote
to me that he was a getting well
and would be back to his Company
in a few days there is a probability
of another fight here shortly the
Bullets were a fighting yesterday
they are are just a lying here in camp
awaiting the movement of the enemy
we do not at what moment we may

Be called upon to go in to another
Battle and if we have to come in contact
with the yankees again I am in hopes I
never will get into as close a place as I was
in at the Battle of Murrpfeisbaro
~~that~~ Catharine I want you to write to
me as often as you can it is a long betwix
times of getting Letters from home I
get to Studying about home and I get
lonesome and uneasy when if I could get
letters Regularly I would not become so
lonesome I have nothing more at pres
to write

C. G. Wall Sends his best Respects to
you all ~~on paper being~~
on account of paper being scarce
with us Conrad concluded not to write
a letter; him self but he said to
me to ~~write~~ tell you to tell his
folks that he is well at present
and he was in the great Battle of
Murrpfeisbaro he has been in two
Battles and I have not been in
but one and I am in hopes I now

will be in another but if we
it have to go in tax it we will try
and kill as many of them as
we can

I have nothing ^{more} to write
I hope you will excuse ~~my~~ all
mistakes and also my bad

Shelling and writing
Fred and Conrad Sends our
respects to all enquiring Friends
and especially to the girls tell
at them that we expect to come
back when the War is over
and some of them will have
to say yes or no

I remain your
affectionate Brother until Death
Henry Watson

Feb the 20th 1863

Camp near Shelbyville Tenn

Dear Sister Caroline

It is with much pleasure and gratification
I now send you a few lines in answer to
the letter you wrote by Mrs Pitt your
letter found me enjoying good health and
I hope these few lines may find you in the
same blessing I have nothing new to
write to you I got all of the clothes you sent
to me except the pants and they get them
staid in the boat

The health of our Company good at this
time we have the 11th made pay increase
Next and we have moved off to our new
camp. Some of the best of the Brigade there
has not been very close of them in
our Company all the night has
been permitted and I do not think
there is much danger of us taking of them
they are very light there has been about
thirty cases of them in the Regt and
I do not think there has been but
one died with it yet it don't hurt the

matched
Mr. Craig started home a few days ago
and we heard that he was to be by the
federals on the Mississippi River
it will be a right smart Samson
one if it is so. I sent one hundred Dollars
and a fine fine Wharton pistol by Miss
Conrad Wall Hend his respects to you
and all of the family I would like very
much to see you all I want you all to
write to me as often as you possibly can
I have not received but one or two letters
from you by mail since I have been
on this side of the Mississippi River
I do not think there is much prospect
of a right Wharton at this place
I have nothing more to write at present
and I will bring my letter to a close
you will please excuse all mistakes
and also my bad writing and spelling
and give my respects to all of the
girls and to all of my friends I remain
your affection Brother until Death Henry Watson

April the 9th 1863

Camp near Shelburne Vt.

Dear Brother I received your letter this morning with great pleasure for I have not heard from you in some time I have not received any letter from home since the first of February. The route brought me on when he came back to our Regt

these few lines leaves me and all of the Boys enjoying good health

I have not ~~much~~ ^{no} news of importance to write to you about the war ~~things~~. There is some talk of peace here but I do not ^{see} prospect of peace now than when the war first began there is not much prospect of a fight here. Soon our Cavalry has a little skirmish with the pickets every few days our Cavalry has taken three or four thousand prisoners since the Murfreesboro Battle and it is reported that the feds have fallen back ~~to~~ beyond Murfreesboro

we have been here at this camp very
since the Battle of Murfreesboro but
how much longer we will stay here
or where we will go to when we leave
here I can not tell it is supposed that
we will go in to Kentucky this Spring
again if we were mounted again I would
like to take another trip up there.

Monroe Gite Sends his Respects to you
I want you to write to me as often as you
can write to me every week or two and
write about the folks at home for you
have a better chance to hear from them
than I do tell T. H. Gite and Jas. Davis
to write to me giving my respects to all of
the Boys that I know in your Co

I will bring my letter to a close for I have
nothing at present to write Direct your letters
to W. H. Gite, 10th. Division
2nd. Brigade. Major General. Duncanson

Thos. Gite your Brother truly
untill his Death Henry Watson

March the 15th 1863

Camp near Shelbyville Tenn
Dear Father & Mother

it is with much
pleasure that I seat my self
to write you a few lines to let you
no that I am well at present and
I hope these few lines may find you
all enjoying the same being the
health of the Company is tolerable
good at this time Leonard Willis is
well and also White & Moore Fitis
well we have the Smallpox in
our Regt it is in four Companies
it has not been very fatal until
of late and it killed about half
that takes it now we have not had
any case of it in our Company yet
I have been vaccinated & I think there
is not much danger of me taking
it, I have nothing new to write to you
about the war we have not had
much fighting since the Battle of
Murfreesboro Tenn & Andersons Landing

Captured
about twenty two hundred prisoners
about five or six days ago and
I heard that Gen Long Street
was in Kentucky with his army
I understood that he was in posses-
sion of Pickensville. we are looking
for a battle near Shelbyville
Shortly our forces has ^{been} camped on
line of battle for several days
and I heard that our forces was
going to advance on the yankees
this morning our Regiment is camped
to it self on account of the
small joy if they have a fight
here our Regt. will not be in it
we are not allowed to go among the
rest of the soldiers I have nothing
more to write at present and I
will close give my best respects
to all enquiring friends
I remain your Son untill
Death
Henry Tateon

Camp near Brandon Miss Dec the 6th 1863

Dear Sister Catharine

I received your kind letter dated Nov 20th I was glad to hear that you all well but the Sad news of Brother Jack Death grieved me very much the thoughts of loosing So kind and affectionate Friend as he was grieves my heart but I hope he is better off he is out of the troubles and hard Ships of this troubled World and I hope he is gone to a better one.

we built houses at Meridian Miss for winter qua and about we get them finished our houses we received orders to come to Brandon but I do not no what the move was for we understood that the yankees were acrossing Big Black River in a large force I guess we will go back to our houses as soon as we drive the yanks back across the Big Black.

I do not no any War news as we understood that Gen Bragg got a whipping a few days ago in Tenn I have not heard anything from Conrad and Jack Wall for Some time I am a looking for a letter from them every day the last time I heard from them they were both a getting well tell Mrs Wall and Amanda that Conrad and Jack is a getting well (a full line scratched out) that this is a going home is a going to Start the man in a few minutes and hardly have time to write this letter his name is

thomas Turman he lives in wood County you can write to me by Lieut Gresham of our Co he Started the same morning we got here and I did not have time to write by him he lives near the camp ground over the River he will be at Carthage before he Starts back tell Bellson Smith that I got a letter from E. R. Smith a few days ago he wrote that he is well he is at Marietta Ga at the hospital he has been there for some time he went there Sick but is well at present Bell wanted to no what Brigade and Division he belong to. I wrote to him yesterday I wrote him all of the news and also to write what Brgade & Division he belong to.

I am glad to hear that the folks is all a getting Religion I am in hopes they will hold out faithful. I would like very much to see you all but I see no probability of getting to come soon they will not grant any more more Furlows in our Co unless Newte Fite comes back and we dont expect him back any more. I want you all to write as often as you can I have written all of the news I no give my love and respects to Ma and Pa and all of the children and also give my respects to all enquiring friends.

I wish I had time to write Several Letters to my friends but Mr. Turman is a going to start in a few mins and I have to close my letter.

I hope you will excuse all my mistakes also my bad writing and Spelling So nothing more at present I remain yours as ever untill Death.

H. Watson
Henry Watson

Camp near Brandon Miss Dec the 8th 1863

Dear Sister Catharine

I received your kind letter dated Nov 20th I was glad to hear that you all well but the Sad news of Brother Jack Death grieved me very much the thoughts of loosing So kind and affectionate Friend as he was grieves my heart but I hope he is better off he is out of the troubles and hard Ships of this troubled World and I hope he is gone to a better one.

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H. Watson
Henry Watson

Camp near Brandon Mills Dec the 8th 1864
Dear Sister Catherine

I received your kind letter dated Nov the 20th I was glad to hear that you was all well but the sad news of Brother Jack's death grieved me very much the thoughts of losing so kind and affectionate a friend as he was grieves my heart but I hope he is better off he is out of the troubles and hardships of this troublesome world and I hope he is gone to a better one.

We built houses at Meridian Mills for winter and about the time we got them finished our houses we received orders to come to Brandon but I do not know what the move was for we understood that the yankees were a crossing Big Black River in a large force I guess we will go back to our houses as soon as we drive the yankees back across the Big Black.

I do not know any war news of our understand that Gen. Bugg got a whipping a few days ago in Tenn I have not heard anything from Comrad James Jack well for some time I am a looking for a letter from them every day the last time I heard from them they were both well.

minutes and then I went to write the
letter he named the name of the
in Wood County you can write to me by Sent
Greenham of our he started the same evening
we got here and I did not have time to write by
from the lines near the camp ground and after the letter
he will be at Northgate before he starts back
tell Bill and Smith that I got a letter from
E. H. Smith a few days ago he wrote that he
was well he is at Marietta Ga at the hospital
He has been there for some time he went there
sick but is well at present Bell wanted to know
what Brigade and Division he belongs to I
wrote to him yesterday I wrote him all of the
news and I also ^{to} asked him to write what Brigade &
Division he belongs to
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with a cutting of the paper I am in paper they
are so kind out of cloth
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but I don't see probability of it
I would like to see you but I don't see

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as you can. I have written a lot of the news that
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Pa and all of the children and also my
respects to all engineering friends.

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and I have to close my letter.

I hope you will excuse all my mistakes
also my bad writing and spelling.
No nothing more at present.

I remain yours as ever until death

Henry Nation

Camp in the Field near Atlanta Ga
August 9th 1864

Dear Father and Mother as I have an opportunity of writing you a few lines I will do so Mr Benjamin Birdwell is a going to Start home day after to Morrow and I will write by him well I have no good news to write to you we have had a hard time for a bout Sixty Sevn days we have been in line of Battle and a Scrummish Fighting with the yanks every day and night during this time

we left the Miss Department about the Sixteenth of April to Reinforce Gen Johnstons Army and we have been Seeing hard times every since that time the Yanks have been driving us back every Since we got to the Army untill we fell back here to Atlanta we have been here in the Breast works about two weeks but I do not no how long it be before they will flank us and force us to fall back from here if we fall back from this place I do not no where we will make the next stand at

we have been very lucky Since we have been in this Campaign our Brigade has not been any Penetration Since we have been on this Campaign although we have lost a great many men killed and wounded out of our Brigade I do not no how many men has been killed out of our Brigade we have had Two killed and four wounded out of our Company Winslow corley and W H Daniels was killed and Thos Hodges wounded in the head Monroe Fite was wounded in the elbow his arm will be always stiff Eli Banks was wounded in the Ankle and J J Langley was slightly wounded in the hip I have

been fortunate enough not to get touched with a ball so far I have been Sick a good portion of the time Since we have been on this Campaign I was sick at the hospital at Greensboro Ga about twenty five days and I come back and stayed in camps about two weeks and I tukened the fever and went to the Division hospital and I got back in camp yesterday evening I am in tolerable good health at this time I have got clear of the fever but I am weak yet I would be glad to see this Campaign end but there is no telling when it will end if we could be Successful here and at Verginnia in driving them back I think there would be Some prospects of the War ending but they are pressing us on every point at this time with the Bum Shells and Minnie Balls are constantly flying over us but the Boys are a getting Sorty ust to them but once and a while one gets hit well I have writen all of the news that I no I wish I could get to come home and see you all but I see no prospect of getting to come home soon this leaves me well and I hope it will find you enjoying the same blessing I have Received three letters from you and Catherine Since I have written home you must excuse my bad writen and Spelling untill Death

Henry Watson

Camp in the Field near Atlanta Ga

August the 9th 1864

Dear Father and Mother as I have an opportunity of writing you a few lines I will do so. Mr Benjamin Birdwell is a going to start home day after to Morrow and I will write his farm well I have no good news to write to you we have had a hard time for a bout Sixty Sun days we have been in line of battle and a tremendous fighting with the rebels every day and night during the time we left the Whigs Department about the middle of April the reinforcements Gen Johnston's Army and we have been seeing hard times every since that time the rebels have been driving us back every since we got to the Army untill we fell back here to Atlanta we have been here in the breast works for about two weeks but I do not know how long it be before they will flank us and force us to fall back from here to our fall back from this place I do not know where we will go to then I find it

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and the humbells and Minnie birds
are constantly in our ears but this
morning I got a party just to them but
one and a while one gets hit
well I have written all of news that I
can I wish I could get to come home
and see you all but I see no pros-
pect of getting to come home soon
I hope you are well and I hope it
will find you enjoying the same
things I have received three letters
from you and Catharine since I
have written home you must excuse
my bad writing and selling something
more at present but I am sure your
as ever yours
Death
Mary Walker

Camp near Palmetto Georgia
in line of Battle
Sept the 23rd 1864

Dear Father and Mother as I have an opportunity of sending a letter across the River I will write you a few lines once more to let you know how I am getting along I am in tolerable good health at the present time I was Sick when Capt Booty Started home and I did not get to write by him I have not been well Since we have been on this Campaign untill now but I think I am getting in pretty good health again

the Rest of the Co is well Jack Wall is in better health than I ever saw him J T Herrin is out on a Scouting expedition in the rear of the yankies I herd from him about a week ago he was in fine health at that time Monroe Fite is Still at the Hospital I herd from him a few days ago his arm is still very bad and I suppose he has Sent up for a furlow and I Guess he will get it I have no news to write about War Officers this Campaign has been a long and worrisom one to us it will soon be four months since we commenced this Campaign and there is no telling where we are a going to Stop at the yanke has So mutch larger force than we have they can flank us out of all most any place but the troops of this Department is still in as good Spirits as ever it appear like nothing wont dis harten them there is a great many thinks that peace will be made by Christmas but I do not see any

more prospect of Peace now than there was when the War first commenced I wish it would end for I getting very tired of this war our three years is out and I see no more prospect of getting to come home now than I did when our twelve months was out I am going to hold on untill this Campaign is over and if I live I am a going to try very hard for a Furlow

Some thinks that as soon as this Campaign is over what is left of our little Brigade will all be furlowed

Our Brigade has Suffered Severally on this Campaign not to have been in any general engagements we have done all of our fighting on pickett we have had two killed dead and five wounded in our Company and there is two of them that was wounded that is Suposed to be Dead for we have not herd from them since they was wounded it is Eli Banks and Thomas Hodges this is very badly written I could not get any pen and ink to write with and I had to write with and old pencil and it is a going to bother you to read it the next time I write I hope I can get ome paper and ink so nothing more at present but remaining your Son as ever untill Death

Henry Watson

PS you wrote me to find out where Green Hodges was but I have not seen his company since I will go see his regiment the first opportunity and try and find out whether he is there or not