

Elijah Youlin Letter

[information written on side of letter page: Co. F 89th Ill. Elaijh Youlin Pvt KIA 6 am Dec 31, 1862 Grave Number L4704]

Murfreesboro

Mrs [sic] Youlin

I received yours of the 17th and in compliance to your request hear [sic] answer your letter but it pains me to have to inform you [illegible] Elijah was killed dead by a cannon ball [illegible] shot in the head on the morning of the 31st of December about six Oclock [sic] I know or imagine to know that [crossed out] what your feelings are but you must seek comfort from him that enter all things I found Elijah on the field after but died instantly I with the help of [illegible] Williams and others carried him about a half mile and burried [sic] him with Moses Beeves formerly from Hampton. Beever was shot in the head too but by a musket ball. I cut Elijah's name on a board and placed it at his head he is burried [sic] about three miles North West of Murfreesboro where all of the 89th boys were buried they are burried [sic] in a row [sic] I must close it is quite late [2 illegible lines]

the ground I silently offered a prayer for him and his family you may think I am a changed man and I can say thank God I am in many respects Our Lieutenant wrote to you but I guess you did not get his letter if there is any thing else that I can do I am at your Servise [sic] your respect

Wm E. Seaman