

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters  
OH1-05, George Sowers**

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**George Sowers was a private in Co. E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Inf.**

**Transcribed by Michael Ellis, March 2009**

**George Sowers to his “brother and parents”**

in Camp near the Memphis and Charlston RR  
July the 3 / 62

Dear brother and parents I thought that I would improve an other oportunity to rite you a few lines I am well thank the lord and hope that these few lines will find you the Same We have travled Some distence Since I rote to you last we are now in camp five milds north east of decaiter alabama we went through decaiter last Saterday it is a Small town and not much to be seen the bridg is burent a crost the tennasee river thare and we crost the river in a fery boat we are on the northern Side of the river again and I dont care a darn if we ever cross it again I haint got much news to tell you at present for we dont hear any thing I would like to hear some war news we dont get to hear how any thing is agoing and what little we do hear we cant beleave and we dont beleave onley one fourth what we tell our selves I wish that you would send me a news paper once in a while and a letter for I haint got any from you for too month or more I gess that the letters dont go nor come very regular but I shant blame you for that nor you cant blame me if letters dont  
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I hope that we will soon get to some perminent Camp whare we can get and send things the old hat that I took from home with me is geting prety well wore out and I would like to have another one and it is imposible to get one hear and I dont like to do without

for the caps that we get wont keep the sun  
of I wish if you got a chance to send me  
a hat like the one I had and a large pocket  
hankercheif and a cuple of shirts get some  
Striped wolen ones or something dark so it  
[written between lines] or some thing that wont get dirty atall  
wont show the dirt and Send me some  
tobaco for that is a scarce article here I paid  
fifty cts for what I could get at home for  
ten cts and Some paper and envelops and pens  
those are articles that we cant get here if you  
hear of any body a coming to the regiment  
Send them or any other safe way of geting them  
here I will foot the bill we expect to get paid  
off in a few days and I will send Some more  
money home if I can When you rite to Sophia  
tell her that she musent think hard of me  
for not riting to her and tell matilda that I haint  
forgot her but it is onley once in a while that I  
get time to rite and when I do rite I rite to one and all  
your afectinate Brother George Sowers / general wood  
is our general