

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters
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Loyal Barber Wort Papers – MS 700**

Loyal Barber Wort was born on December 6, 1830 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. When he was two years old, his family moved to Delaware County, Ohio and in 1848 settled in Hicksville, Defiance County. Wort became a shoemaker and married Susan G. Hendershot in 1853. They eventually had eight children. Loyal Wort served three years as a drummer in Co. E, 21st Ohio Inf. He died on April 30, 1893.

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Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Jefferson [located at Elizabethtown, Kentucky]
Jany the 19th 1862

Dear and
beloved wife it is with mutch
pleasure that i again take my pen
in hand to inform you that i am
well at this time and cincerely hope
those fiew lines will find you
and our loved ones the Same i
recieved your letter to day of the <14?>
which brought me the <????> <word?>
that <estta?> and little louisa ware
quite unwell it done me a grate
eel of good to here from you but
sorry to learn that two of our darlings
ware sick it makes me feel verry
bad to learn that anny of you
are sick it makes me feel
a wanting to come home with
you but this must wait for
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untill i can get a furlow the
Lieutenant told me that he would
give me a furlow after we are
paid of again but then i will hav

to get the Colonel to sine it
and then the brigadier General
and then the division General
and then i will hav to get General
bewel and if they all Sine it
then i can come home and See
my loved ones and bewel is in
louis ville i could get him to
Sine it as it would bee on my way
i hav not Said anny thing about it
ton anny of our boys for it would
make Some of them want to go to
and they mite get a head of me
i will get furlow if i posably
can nothing would do me more
good than to hav the privelege
of once more Seeing you and
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our dear ones once more
we are Still at bacon creek
and i dont now how long we
will Stay but i think that we
will not leve here for Some
time i got a letter yesterday
from James and he Said that
they ware all well and i got
aletter today from allen <woch?>
herights to me pretty often
i Should like to hav seen
Joseph houser when he was out
their you said he was a nice
young man did he say anny
thing about that piece of
land that billy lives on down
in the woods you Said that i must
tell you what i think of your
letter i think it is a verry good
letter it does me good to read
it you said that that you
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could not hardly read my last
letter and that i must hav been
trubled when i rote it that is
a fact i was trubbled then but
you must excuse my weakness
you Said that my being abcent

caused you a grateel of trubble and
as i love you <all?> dearly it give
me a grateel of trubble at
that time but your last letter
does me a grateel of good
and makes me feel better
it makes me feel <??> sad
to now that you are in
trubble with your letter
Just a fiew days a go and i
sent in it a letter to Sis and
Eugene their is nothing of anny
importance happened here Since
i last rote you dave thorton
Stands the Soldiers life verry
well the boys are all well
with a fiew exceptions

[written upside down at top of page one]
the people here think
it will soon close

[at top of pages two and three, upside down]
you must tell me what the opinion of the people their is
on the war and wether they think it will soon close

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Jefferson Ky

Feb the 3 1862

Dearest and beloved

wife it is with much

pleasure that i again take

my pen in hand to let you no that i am well
at presant and do cincerely hope those fiew
lines will find you and our dear ones the
Same i recieved two letters from you yesterday
and was glad to learn that you ware all
well and in one i found eight postage
Stamps i return you my thanks for them
they came in good time i ondly had
five onhand and no money to buy anny more
with you wanted me to get my likeness
taken but their is noone here that
take them so you will hav to wait
untill i can get a chance you wanted
me to tell you how i liked your
long letters i answer i liked it verry
mutch and was glad to learn that

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righting to me cured the headache
for you i hope that you will right to me
every time you get the headache
i Just sent you a letter the day before
i got your letter and i Sent you Some
verses you must tell me how you
like them i think they are verry nice
and i could not hardly right them
without crying they are so tutching
to a man that is So far from his home
and his loved ones at home i would
like to Se you and the children
derly you are constantly in my mind
and last knight i dreamed of you
and the children oh that my dream
could be realised i would do me more
good than anny thing else in this
world you and the children are all
in this world to me i love you
derly better than my Self i loved
you from the first time i Saw

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you and determined to make
you mine and Still cherish that
love in my hart and i no that you
love me and that makes me happy
but it would be heaven on earth to me
to be at home with you a gain
i am tired of a soldiers life you
told the truth when you said
that you would bet that if i would
tell the truth iwould Say that
i was tired of war after i get out
of this Scrape i will take your
advice you can se further a head
than i can i will Send you Some
money as Soon as we get our pay
and then you must help as mutch
as you want dont rob your Self
to pay anny boddy for that is
more than they would do for
you i dont want you to starve
your self to pay anny boddy

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i sent you a song in this letter
it is the red white and blue
you must learn it to Sis so that
She can sing it for me when
i come home <?????????>
creek we hav had a grateel of rain
here this winter and it is araining
here to day and it is verry muddy
and cold and disagreeable the
hicksville boys are all well
there is one drummer and fifer
has to Stay at the <gard?> quarters <??>
every day and i hav to stay there
to day as drummer John galliher is
on gard to day as ondly <??> at the
gard quarters every <??> <??>
ondly about ten <at a time?>
and at knight <i can come?> to my tent
and go to Sleaf and the gards hav
to stay up all knight and get no

Sleaf

[upside down at top of page]

a musician has the easyest times

i would rather drum for 12 than [a musician was paid twelve dollars a month]

be a private and get 13

[a private was paid thirteen dollars a month]

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Adams Bolen green Ky Feb the 17th 1862

[Bowling Green]

Dear and beloved wife it is with much pleasure that
i again embrace the present opportunity to pen a few lines
to you to let you know that i am well at present
and hope those few lines will find you the
Same i rote you when we left bacon creek and i
did not know then that we were a going to move
i rote on Sunday and on Sunday night we got
orders to move and we got ready and Started
on monday morning before Sun rise and went to
green river and Staid their two days and then
Started for bowling green a distance of 59 miles
and we marched it in less than 2 days and arrived at
bolen green and fired 60 Shells in to the town
and the rebbles run and left the town but they
fired the depo and railroad buildings and a grate
eel of the town and all of their army Stores
they had the place well fortified they are
a Set of cowards they fell back to nashville
a distance of 72 miles they had two trains loaded
with Stores and they burned the cars and all
and they burnt the bridge across the big barren
river and also the railroad bridge but i suppose
that you will get the news before this reaches
you for i dont no how Soon i can Send this but i will
right it and hav it ready to Send the first opportunity
the cars will run here in a few days

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i recieved a letter from you to day and was glad to
here from you once more and glad to learn that
you are all in good health we are now encamped
in the town of bowling green i will Send a union
brest pin in this for al i sent a Shell in my
last and told you to give it to esta and give
hurs to all if you hav done it you can give
this to esta and if not you will give this
to all and i send you a little rebble
money it is sutch as the rebbles used
i got it in bolen green you must keep
it as a keep Sake i donot know how long
we will Stay here i think we will go from
~~here~~ here to nashville tenasee the boys
are all well and in good Spirets

i think the people will all be surprised
when they get the <news?> of the capture of
bolen green without a fight the rebbles
never fired a gun at us tell Sis that
i was glad to get a letter from hur
tell her She must right as often as
<?> She can and be a good girl and mind
hur ma and tell eugene and atta they
must be good children and i will
bring them Something nice when i come
you must give me all the war news i must
bring my letter to a close direct to camp
Adams-~~Bolde~~- bowlen green good by
for this time right soon L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort
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Camp Andrew Jackson . Feb. the 26th . 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch pleasure that i sit my Self
down to pen a fiew lines to you to let you know that
i am well at presant and hope those fiew lines
will find you and our dear ones in the Same State
of health i rote you from bolen green and Since
that time we hav moved on to within 3 miles
of nashville tenasee the rebbles hav retreated and
left the place we will go in to the citty in a
fiew days we hav had a march of 75 miles
and we marched it in <3?> days and we had nothing
Scarcely to eat we would just eat dry crackers for
our breckfast and the same for our dinner
and for supper we would hav dinner warmed
<?> over but we <??> <it?> without mutch difiiculty
when we left bolen green we left <several?>
of our company <??><S??> of them i think ware
Sick but Some of them i think plaid <of?> they thought
we would hav a battle here bill henery [Cpl. (later Lt.) William J. Henry of Co. E]
begged a chance to Stay he is a coward
we havent Spoke to him Since <he?> <??>
back and i hav <??bed?> <??s> with him and
I would look <??> verry plasent and you
<?> know how <plasant?> i would <be?> <??> him
Evans was sent to Elizabeth town to [probably Pvt. James M. Evans of Co. E]
the hospital i hope that i never will hav an
occasion to go to the hospital ithink it is not a verry
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desireable place to go to i got a letter from
you whilst we ware at bolen green i think
this war will soon bee over i suppose you hav
heard of the grate victory at fort donelson
our men took 15,000 prisnors our mess are all well
but one and that is thomas R Jacobs a boy from [Pvt. Thomas R. Jacobs of Co. E]
fort wayne he is a good boy him and me Sleaf
to gether he is well acquainted with John wort
when i get back we will go up to fort wayne
and se them and go to Edgertons and Stay in
fort wayne a day or to and then you can get
you and the children Some new dresses
our capten is not with us yet i cant Send letters
as often as i would like to there is no mall
carried here by the united states and they

hav to Send a man to carry the mail but
as soon as they get the rail road repaired
then their will be a daily mail if you dont
get a letter once a weak you must not blaim me
it wont be my falt i Shall right as often as
i can get a chance to Send them tenna See is a
verry nice countrey i think it is a head of kentuckey
there is aplenty of good water here we are
camped in a nice grove in a feald there is
lots of negroes here they Seam to be the
natcheral product of the countrey i Saw
fifty seven at one house including old
and young the rebbles here Says that we
treat them better <??????????>

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the wether here is warm and pleasant
and the people are comenceing to do their
Springs work this is down in dixey we hav 15000 with
us and last knight i learned that the gun boats
had come up the cumberland river with 13
boats and 15 thousand troops if we move from
here we will hav an army of one hundred
and 30,000 men and we will clear out
the countrey as we go and Soon get threw
with it i must mend my pants to day i wish
you was here to mend them or rather i wish
i was their So that you could mend them
a man that exchanges the comforts of home
for a Soldiers life he aint Smart i often wish
i could get Some of your cooking it would bee
quite a treat you Said in your letter that
you was a going to Send us Some chickens and
bread if you hav not Sent it dont Send it
for i donot think that we would get it as we are
on the march every fiew days but if you hav sent
it we will hav to run the risk of getting it
dave thornton is all the time a <???ing> he is a [Pvt. David Thornton of Co. E]
lazy pup and he thinks Soldiering is to hard
for him he is to lazy for a Soldier but
dont you Say <anny?> thing to <?????> a
bout it i sent you a rebble S<??> in my
last letter <??> a Shell <to?><??????>
or <atta?> is send you a rebble postage Stamp in
this letter is has been used but you can see

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how they look i got holt of a letter

that it was on it their was two on it
they ware both five cent ones it costs ten
cents to Send a letter as far in the
Southern confederacy as three cents will in
the united States i give one of them to
John galleher to Send to his wife [Pvt. John F. Gallaher of Co. E]
tell Sis and eugene that they must
bee good children and mind their ma
and rite me a letter when you right to
me you will direct to Nashville
tenna See give my love to all
enquireing friends

remember me when this you
See or think i hav forgotten the

From your drummer boy in tenna See
good by loved one for this time

my preyr is that this war will Soon be
over for i want to see you <????>
and <??> little darlings

Loyal Wort to Susan G. Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Huntsville

Ala May the 6th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch pleasure
That i again take my pen in hand
to letyou know that i am well at
presant and hope those fiew lines
will find you and the ~~children~~
children the same i have not gotten
aletter from you for a month and
i am very anctious to here from
you the rebbles attacted our
mail train the other day which
conSisted of Seven wagons and they
captured the train and destroyed
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<our?> mail an i think imust
<hav?> had Some letters in that
n<??> i am out of Stamps and hav
b<een?> for Some time but i hav
manged to borrow of the other boys
to send Some fower or five letters
and <i?> will hav to borrow to Send
<this?> <one?> i must right as often as
ther is a chance to Send it makes
me feel verry lonley when i donot
get aletter for So long atime from
the best and dearest friend that
i hav in this world and the one
that is all to me but i cannot think
that it is anny fault of yours for
i believe you right to me every
week and i right as often as the
mail goes out our regament was
provost gards to gard the the
town of huntsville and they
acted in that capacity awhile

and then they feared anatact
on the east end of the railroad
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and then they ware Sent
out about Sixty miles to the
Junction of the nashville and
chattanuga railroad with the
memphis and charleston this is
the road that runs threw this place
they run out on th cars well they
stayed this one knight and then
came back to this place and then
our regament was appointed to gard
the town a gain So we are not in
So mutch danger and dont hav the
hard martching that others will
hav ~~iwish~~ iwish this ungodly
war was over and i at home
with you and our darlings for
i do want to See you So bad i will
Send a little pearl ring that i
made i think it will fit Sis
tell the children that would
like to bee at home and play
with them tell them that they
must bee good to their ma and
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mind what She tells them
and when i come home i will
by them Something nice
tell me wether you got the
last twenty dollars that i
Sent you their is two months
<pay? ???> us at this time
<?> is well the wether here
is verry rainey this is monday
i suppose yesterday was a lonsom
day to you it would domy verry
<Soul?> good to Spend those days
with you right often dear one
direct to Huntsville Ala
no more at presant but remain
asever you affectionate husband
till deth

L.B Wort To
S.G. Wort

good by for this time

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor

Huntsville Ala May 11th 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with
mutch pleasure that iagain take my
pen in hand to pen afiew lines to you
to let you know that i am well at
presant and cincerely hope those fiew
lines will find you and our dear
ones the Same i hav knot had <a?>
letter from you for over amonth
and ibegin to feel verry uneasy about
you it is a long time Since i hav
heard from you this is Sondag and
i Suppose it is a long lonsom day to you

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it is verry lonsom to me ohow i
would like to bee free again and
bee at home with you nothing but
deth would sepperate us i think i
know how to appretiate the comfarts
of home i hate this war business
every day that i am in the Service
the time Seams Solong Since i last
Saw you i Should like to bee their
to make garden for you and fixup
the lot ithaught when i enlisted
that the war would bee over by
this time but i donot think know
that we will hav to make out the
year the people here think that
it will knot last long Since our
men hav got yorktown and new
orleans and mobile they are fairly
whipped but they are to mean to
give up their is ripe cherries and
mulburies and Strawburies here
know their a afellow a going home
on a discharge he will Start next
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tuesday and i am going to
Send this with him to Some
postoffice in ohio whare he will
mail it and you will get it direct
their is no regularity about the
mail going out here or coming in
i Sent you one by mail last monday
you must tell me which one you
get first i Suppose you dont get
<??> letters verry regular Since we
have gotten down in alabama
but it is knot my falt i right
regular but it makes me feel bad
to think that i cant get a letter
from my best and nearest
friend but it is knot your
falt for you right every week
ile bet the rebbles captured
our mail once and i think they
destroyed Some letters for me
but i Shall live in hopes i donot
think our regament will ever See
another battle we are Still at

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huntsville and i think we will
Stay here Some time i will
Send you Some of the alabama
roses they are the prettyest roses
that ever i Saw if i was coming
direct home from here i would
you some flour roots of nice
varietys that dont grow their
the people here begin to like us
better than they did they Say
that they hate to havus goaway
and they are verry friendly
the wether here is verry warm
give my love to the children
and all enquireing friends
direct to Huntsville Alabama
<no?> more at this time but remain
as ever your affectionate husband
untill deth

L. B. Wort to
Susan G. Wort soon
goodby for this time hoping to meet

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Ala
May the 18th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch pleasure that
i again take my pen in hand to let you know
that i am well at presant and hope those
fiew lines will find you and the children
the Same it has been a long time Since
i recieved a letter from you and it makes
me feel verry uneasy a letter from you would
dome more good than money and to See
you and the children would
bee grate Joy for me but i think by the
fourth of July we will all bee at
home our army is whipping them

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<at?> every point and i think they will
<soon?> give up they are fairly whiped
<and?> england and france has advised
them to give it up <Abay?> the 20 this morning
Still finds me well we hav had a fine <show?>
<??> here Since i commenced <this?> epistal
the rumer in camp this morning that
<????> is taken by our troops if this is
correct we hav ondly to take corrinth
the whole of the mississpi river is
<??> knows and avery Short time will
<hav?> them whipped or Surrendered
<in?> corrinth we are Still at hunstville
we are encamped in town in the yard
of the green acadamy and we occupy the
buildings for the head quarters of the
regament for the colonel and the
doctor and the comesary the colonel
has his wife with him here She
has been here about two weeks She
is knot agood loking women atall
dave thorton has knot came up

with the regament yet he is a brave

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Soldier abaswood man all he
wants is the money and lay around
the rest of the hicksville boys are all
well i believe isuppose you had fine
wether their know you must give my
love to the children tell me wether
you got that last twenty dollars that
isent you or not if you got that it is
Seventy dollars that i hav Sent you
i sent louisa miller a letter when i
Sent you the last one before this i got
one from hur the day before i rote
and She Said they ware all well
She Said they hurd that the 21 regament
ware in the fight at corinth but they
ware rongly informed She Said they
hav a verry wet backwerd Spring
and their was but verry little wheat
Sown their itold them they had better
move to ohio that they could do better
their than they could on the paria
She Said that corn was ondly twelve
cents a bushel and other things

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in proportion and dry goods
and groceries ware verry high
John bain is maried to that <cleg?>
girl that he useto wait on irote
her to tell me how Stantons girls
got along and if they had hurd from
old Jerry She Said that bill Stanton
had lost another one of their children
we hav nothing to livon but pork
and crackers and coffee and Sugar
and i think that is rather poor living
you will direct you letter to huntsville
alabama i hav not got aletter from
you yet i will hav to get this letter
counter signed by the colonel for i
am out of Stamps and their is none
here and it will come threw and
then you will hav to pay the postage
isent in one of my ~~litters~~ letters alittle
ring that i made i hav gotten you a

Splendid pair of Shears iwill fetch
them when i come good by for this time
L.B. Wort To S.G. Wort my best friend

Loyal B. Wort to Susan Wort

Camp Taylor Ala May 23 .1862

Dear wife it is with mutch pleasure
that i again take my pen in hand
to let you know that i am well
and hope those fiew lines will
find you all the same the mail
came in yesterday but i was
domed to disappointment i got no
letter the 28 of this month it
will bee two months Since
the dait of your last letter
and it makes me feel verry
lonley their is no news here
to right their is a chance to Send
this to Shelbyville by wayne
miller he is agoing with the
teams and this will come right
threw we hurd from dave
thornton this morning he is
at murfreesboro at the
hospital he Says he dont

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like the hospital ihav
to right this in a hurry
and i cant right mutch you
will excuse my Short letter
the hicksville boys are
all well i believe the
wheat here is a bout reddy
to harvest you must give me
all the news when you
right i Sent aletter the
20 but i thought this was a
good chance and i would Send
a fiew lines the wether
here is fine give my love
to the children tell them pa
would like to See them tell
Sis to right me a letter
and Send it in yourn i want
to See if She improves in
righting i would like to
See you all and clast you
in my arms at presant my

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mind is constantly at
home i am all the time
a thinking that Some of
you are Sick and i cant get it
out of my mind right often
a letter from you would
do me good know tell me
if you got the last 20 dollars
that i Sent you or not
i must bring my Scribbling
to a close he is a waiting
on me good by for this
time i remain as ever
your affectionate husband
till deth . L. B Wort
To his best earthly friend

Susan .G. Wort

Direct to Haintsville. Alabama
goodby for this time
right often often

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

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21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp near athens ala

May the 29th 1862

Dear wife it is with mutch pleasure that iagain take my pen in hand to inform you that i am well at presant and hop those fiew lines will find you all in the Same State of health we hav moved from huntsville to this place adistance of 25 miles this is a county Seat but not So large as huntsville nor So prety a place it is on a railroad that runs to nashville and intersects with the road that runs threw huntsvile that is the memphis and charleston it runs from [page 2]

charleston South carolina to memphis tennessee their is every prospect of a Sped peace ican ondy Say god grant it that day would bee the happyest period of my life when peace is made and i Shall grasp your hand and embrace you and the children and know that i am free and can dwell in peace with you then we can enJoy our Selves and nothing but death Shall Sepperate us again this cuntry around here is not So nice as it is at huntsville the people here are begining to form a pretty good opinion of the yankies they call us all yankies they Say they wish that their relatives ware at home they say that they think the ohio boys are Jentleman

and at huntsville the citisins
Said that they hated to See us go away
the rebbles take anny thing that they
want that the people hav and
<pay?> nothing for it the Southern
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Scrip is not good for nothing
here the people wont take it
them Selves they know that it
aint good for nothing and the
rebbe papers Say that their case
is gone and i dont See what they are
fighting for now the other day
their ware Seven cesesh Soldiers
came to our lines on their way
home and they Said that their
time was out and that the whole
regament would bee threw here in
a fiew days they ware from
corinth i havnot had a letter
from you for two months and
that is agood while to wait for
a letter from So dear a friend
my best earthly friend ohow i long
to See you and the children it is a
long time Since i Saw you and i
Suppose you think So to ididnot
think when i enlisted that we
would hav to Stay longer than
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Six months and it is nine
months Since we we hav been
drawing pay their is three months
pay due us now i donot See the
resin that i dont get letters the
hicksville letters donot come threw
the farmer boys gets letters
the hicksville boys are all
well and in good spirets our camp
is within one fourth of a mile
of town ithaught last fall that
i Should bee at home in time
to make garden for you but it
Seams that could not bee you
must kiss the children for me
and tell them that pa Still

loves them tell them to be
good children and mind their
ma imust quit my Scribbleing for
this time excuse poor righting and bad
spelling direct to Athens Ala
good by for this time from
L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort the one that is all

Loyal Wort to Susan G. Wort

[printed at the top of the page]

21st REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

remember me when this
you see nor think i have
forgotten the loved
one at home

Camp in the woods eight miles
from athens Ala June the 7th 1862
Dear and beloved wife iagain take
up my pen tolet you know whare
iam and how iam getting along iam
well and in good health irecieved
aletter from you today and was glad
to here from you again and to learn
that you ware all well for it
would give me grate trouble to
know that anny of you ware sick
and i couldnot come and see you
you letter brought mournful
inteligance to me in the deth
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a beloved SiSter this was verry
unexSpected news to me some
two or three weeks ago i had a
dream about sutch high water
and i thought then that iwould
hear of the deth of Some of my
friends and it caused me a grate
del of trubble iw was affraid of
that it would bee some of you
if you Should dy whilst iam
in the army my peace and
happiness in the world would
bee at an end for you and
the children was are the

only ones that can ever possess
my heart in this world you

Said that had walked to new [Newville, Indiana, a few miles NW of Hicksville]

ville i think that you are
learning to be a soldier and
learning to march you ought
to have hired a conveyance
to go with i don't want you to
make a drudge of your self

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to save money i love you
better than i do money and
can spare that better than
you you will make your
self sick in that way iam afraid
afraid don't over exert your
self to save money the letter
letter that you sent with math
Scot i never got the one that
you sent with the four stamps
in and they came very good tell
you and the one i got today had
seven stamps in and i am very
thankful to you for them you
wanted me to come home when
we are paid of again i will come
if i can get a furlow and if i don't
come you will know that it is
not my fault for i want to
see you so bad it would do me
a great deal of good to be with you
a few days and get you
some wood chopped you must

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hire your wood chopped and
don't chop it your self it is
to much for you i should like
to be free from this war and
at home and i would tell them
of their promises to keep you
in wood the lying pups after
this i will take your advice i
think that you can see further
ahead than i can and i will
always do as you want me to do
you must forgive me this time

i hartly repent and ask your
forgivness we are to bee paid off
next week this is Saterdag tomorrow
will bee alonsom day with you
i wish i could bee their to spend
the day with you ihavnot got a
letter from John Since we left
nashville you must right often
as you can to me i right every week
that short furlow that you spoke of is
not So good as along one they ondy do
mischief LB Wort to SG Wort

[At the top of pages two and three, upside down]
you must kiss the children for me give my love to them

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

you can will give that square <lof?>
ring to my mother

Camp on Swancreek eight miles above
Athens Ala. Aug the 3rd 1862
Dear and beloved wife it gives me pleasure
to bee able to pen afiew thoughts to
you and to inform you that iam well
at this time irote you last Sondag
and Sent you three dollars in the
letter britton Just got here this [Sgt. Finley Britton of Co. E]
morning i hav not Said mutch to him
yet <?> he tells the boys that he
was detailed to Stay at lewisville
ihavnever told the boys anny thing
aboutit for ididnot want his wife
to here it iwill send you two
rings in this letter and Sis one
these little presants you must
take and prise them for the
givers Sake tell Sis that iwill
Send hur another one and one to
Eugene and one to atta the boys
we all well and in good spirets
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breuster has got his commition as [Capt. Lewis E. Brewster of Co. E]
capten of the company and cheney [Lt. Samuel F. Cheney of Co. E]
as first lieutenant and John
Berry is second and that is all the
promotions that is made yet but
their is more to bee made yet
the boys all likes breuster
firstrate he is good to them
Since he is capten ithink that
we will Stay here Some time
yet we got orders this morning
to buind larger fortifications [buind = build?]
and fix up winter quarters

and that dont look mutch like
leaving here verry Soon well
that Soots me firstrate if the
rest will do the fighting we
will gard the bridges and
glad to get the chance we are
living rather poor at this time
we are on half rations and i
think that it is Scarce anuff

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at full rations it seeams
hard after beeing at home and
having plenty to eat itell you
it went hard with me to leave
home and all that is dear to
me in this world to me but we
must hope and prey for the
best keep in good spirets
for you and the children is
all that makes life agreable
to me you must right to me
as often as you can and iwill
do the Same and tell me how
your wood holds out <?>
irote John aletter last week
iwill right allen afiew lines
and Send in this letter iwent
out this morning and got Some
ripe peaches iwish i could
Send you Some of them i know
you would like them we
hav killed two sheep the
[page 4]

other day and it went pretty good
we will knot Starve if they do
put us down on half rations
you must excuse my Short
letter you know that i cant
right a long one and isuppose
you will get tired areading my
poor Scribbling but it is
agrate sattisfaction to me that
i can read and right atall
we made clabboards and covered
our Shanty Since i came back
their was Someof the fourteenth

boys Staid with us the other knight
they live at antwerp one was
al tanner bill tanners
boy no more at presant but remain
as ever your affectionate husband
till deth L.B. Wort To
S.G. Wort
direct to athens ala

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Nashville Tennessee Sept 11th 1862
Dear and beloved wife it is with the
gratest of pleasure that iagain pen a
fiew lines to you to let you know that
iam well at presant and cincerely hop
those fiew lines will find you and
our loved ones the same ihav <ritten?>
you once Since we got here in which
igave you an account of a Scurmish
we had whilst coming to this place
on the cars we ware attacted by a
party of bushwhackers numbering
in all about three hundred their
was three companys of ours and
two of the 12 illinois the <????>
<??ld the track and some <????>
<train?> of the track they had <????>
<????> them selves in acornfield
about <four?> <rods?> from the track
They then opened fire on us and
Killed three and wounded Six
[page 2]
<thare?> was one man kiled out each
company David thornton was
killed out of our company and
<??>mullix is mising ithink that
<??> right in whare the rebbles
ware and ware taken prisnor
when the rebbles fired our men all
<????> of of the cars to git reddy
to shoot and isuppose the foolish
thing thought they ware all a
<????> and so he run Some of the
<????> him run their was none
<??> company wounded ithink iwill
Send this by bill britton the band
of the 38 is discharged and are
agoing home bill was here

yesterday you Said in your last
letter that Should tell you
how many letters ihav got from
you i hav got three igot two at once
day before yesterday and it done
me agrate rel of good to read a
letter from you again

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you Spoke about <??> Scrups
you wanted to know wether
he was taken out of the bed
with hur or not idonot
know that i had gone to bed
before he did but he wanted
to go to bed with hur you may
know for he told the landlord
that She was his wife you may
not be affaid that iwill ever
get in anny Sutch idonot
assotiate with Sutch company
ihav to mutch respect for
you and the children you are
the ondly one that i love in
this world iwill Send you
two dollars in this letter
tell Sis and <?????>
their letter and i [crossed out]
icould read it quite easy
<?> tell Sis to right more
iam knot as well Sattlisfied Since
icame home it seames lonsome
[page 4]

after Spending Such a plesant
<time?> at home with you and the
<children?> but ishall try and
<??> as good spirets as posable
<??> direct you letters to
<nashville?> ihav ritten you about
<????>tters Since i left home
<????????????????????>
<????>g he is at <the?> hosptial
<?????> the wether here is
????? and dry idonot know
????? we will Stay here nor
?????will go to you must
<right as often?> as you can

<????????????????>

<???) i send my love to
them with the hopes that this
unholy war will Soon end and i
bee at home with them good by for
this time by loved one
L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort loved one

Loyal Wort to S.G. Wort

[upside down at top of page 1]
iam makeing aring today for
Sarah excuse poor righting
hand trembles to day

Camp at Nashville Nov the 15th 1862
Dear and beloved wife it is with
the gratest of pleasure that iagain
pen afiew lines to you to let you know
those fiew lines will find you in
the Same State of health iredieved
your kind letter last evening that
you Sent with Evans and you may
guess that it done me good to get
So late news know those ilove
So derely you Said that you thaught
from the reading of those fiew
lines that isent you that Jo
Smith was shot he told me
to tell you to tell his wife that
he was well but the man came
for the letter before igot it
done and ihad to quit and close
it up in order to Send it with
him this will explain it

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igot aletter yesterday from John
and Sarah but you Said in your
letter that they ware at Hicksvile
and ware well So ican give you
no news of them their is talk
of the army advanceing South
from here but Some Seam to
think that our brigade will
Stay here ihope this is trew
then we can get mail regular
ifigured up what ihav coming to

me in the regiment at payday
it is forty dollars and 22 cts
this over and above my wages and
i think this is doing pretty well
this with my five months pay
will make me one hundred
dollars i hope they will pay us for
five months that will be
quite a help to you i will send it
to you as soon as they pay us
of as <ins?> you need it you said
you got them two dollars i am
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glad to hear of that our captain
is sick and thinks he will go
home on a furlow and if he
does and don't go till after
payday i will send it by him
and if he does i will express
it to you tell al that i got his
letter and was glad to hear
from him he rights a verry
good letter tell him i will
answer it in a few days
you said that you had sent
some verses with <J?> anafin and
i should tell you how i like them
he has not got here yet
you said you felt bad because
you did not send a letter with
<J?> anafin you done better to send
it by Evans So you see as <??>
i always said there is luck in
leisure the boys are all
well i was waid the other day
and waid one hundred and
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seventy one pounds So you
see i am pretty fat i never waid
that much before ienjoy good
health the colonel said the other
day that the musicians should
hav swords and in a few days
we will get them and nice dress
coats So you see the band is
going to come out then i should

like to see hav you see us out
in dress paraid iwill get my
likeness and Send it to you after
we are paid of you Said you had
Sent your picture by <Ja?>nafin
iam mutch obliged to you
for that then ican kiss you
and press you to my bosem
i Just hurd that our brigade
is going to Stay here this is good
news right often and iwill
do the Same kiss the children
for me good by for this time
Direct to Nashville Tenn
From L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp at Nashville

Tenn Nov the 27 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the greatest pleasure that iagain take my pen in hand to inform you that i am quite well at this time and cincerely hope those fiew lines will find you and our loved ones all the Same this is the fourth ithink Since ihav recieved one from you but isuppose my letters has not had time to get their and got an answer the boys are all well with the exceptions of bad colds the wether here is fine and pleasant the knights are cool and frosty be we hav a Stove in our tents and we can keep comfartable their isnot anny of our new regaments came here yet from our part but the one that will yeagley is in is within eight miles i hurd that they ware
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there on the opposite Side of the river from us and igot apass yesterday and went over to See them but ididnot find them ithink they will bee here in afiew days and then iwill go and See them iShould like to See them isuppose will knows how Soldiering goes by this time ithink we will bee paid off by the last of this month they was making out the pay rolls yesterday their has been afire here every knight for Some time their was onr last knight but it was a house of ill fame and ihope all

of them will go the same way and
the old Sluts in them iwill get my
likeness taken and Send it to you
when we are paid of ithink iwill
get Six fotographs taken and then
ican Send them in a letter iwill
<of?> put in my Sword and dress coat
and drum and hav it taken

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Standing up with my cap and
then ithink that will look
nice not that ithink iam pretty
but that it will make a better
appearance irecieved your picture by
<J?>anafin and ithank you for it so that
ican look at it and see See you but
iwould rather bee at home with the
origional and with our loved children
and this <??>assed war at an end and
then we would take comfort but
this war is not at anend well ihav
made fifty dollars over my monthly
wages They Say that we will ondy
get three months pay at this time
well that will do you Some good but
iwould rather bee paid for five ican
send five months pay for the Same
as ican for three but imust take
Just what they See proper to issue
well iguess iwill hav to quit my
scribbling to close for this time
with my reports to all my friends

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Iremain as ever your affectionate
Husand untill death you must
Kiss the children for me tell
Esta to wright hug little letters
and Send them in yours it will
learn hur to right tell
Eugene to bee agood boy and mind
ma and pa will buy him anice
new Suit of clothes when iget
home god by for this time
right soon and often

L.B. Wort To

Susan G. Wort his old

pretty
good by loved one

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp at Nashville Tenn Dec the 1 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the
Greatest of pleasure that iagain take my
pen in hand to pen afiew lines to you to
inform you that iam quite well at this
Time and cincerely hope these fiew
lines will find you and our loved ones
well and enjoying good health i recieved
aletter from you day before yesterday and
Was glad to here from you and to
learn that you ware all well it is a
pleasure to me to get aletter from
you yesterday igot one from John
the one that igot from you had an
invelope in it with a Stamp on it
iwas looking over those invelopes that you
Sent me today and happely Surprised
to find nine of them hav stamps S<??>
iam verry mutch obliged to you for them
them verses you Sent with that braid of
hair <??> is verry <??> and verry <??>
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<i went?> yesterday to viset the 44 Indania
regament that is the regament that
Alex <?????> is in and ispent a pleasant
day with him they hav got better
Company officers than we hav
Alex cooks for the officers and i eat
dinner with them he baked a nice
short cake and they had fresh mutton
and butter and preserves that was
sent them from home <?> John
G<?nser?> <houser?> is in comand of the
company and N<?>te Thomas is a [possibly Irving N. Thomas of Co. F, 44th Ind. Inf.]
<??>nant they did not act like
our officers N<at?> Mall<??> is in
that company N<?>te Thomas was home

Recruiting for their company and he
enlisted with him at <noris?>town
isaw him and he looks well and i
think he will make good soldier
you Said your wood that i chopped
was all burned up and i must
Come over and chop Some nothing
would give me more pleasure

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than to bee able to do So
but iam a Slave to the
goverment ithink if i live to get
out of this Scrape they will never
get me in again if the union all
goes by the board i am contant
ly in aworry about you for fear
you are Suffering for the want
of wood and other things oh that
i could bee with you again as i us
to do and enjoy your Society then
i <??????> comfort we are Still
at nashville ithink we will get our
pay about wednesday they are
hav made out the pay roll
and ithink we will Sine it
tomorrow and yet our pay the
next day they are going to pay us
for ondy three months and they
owe us Six today and then ihav over
fifty dollars oweng to me besides
tell me if you dont think i hav
done pretty well ihav made up
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my trip home and more to
and ithink that is doing verry
well iwill Send the money to you
by exspress aS Soon as i get it
the boys are all well they are a
setting up the clothing list for the
year and the allowance is 42 dollars
i hav taken up \$37.22 So you See their
will bee some comeing to me on that
i Stoped righting to read aletter from
<you?><??> verry glad to here from you and
<to?> learn that you are all well but
sorry to here of your <????>ion

<??> my one relatives they need
not try to Set me up against
you for they cant doit ilove you
to derely to ever forsake you
i no you live as Saveing as you
can you told hur right whatis mine
is yourn and it is none of hur <living?>
business what you by make your
Self comfartable with the money
that isend to you it is yourn and you
use it as you please iwill right hur
aletter and give hur a piece of
my mind

[upside down at the top of page 1]
dont pay out your money to clost
keep <amuch?> to buy all that you want
and <ablige?> me

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Hamelton Tenn Dec the 19 1862

Dear wife it is with great pleasure
that iagain take my pen in hand to
pen a fiew lines to you to let you
know that iam well at presant and
cincerely hope those fiew lines wil
find you and the children all well
irecieved your verry kind letter
of the thirteenth of december and
also the letter that i am going to
Send to hur home i hav to call my
mother you Said you thaught it was
the thing that She neaded well
ithink so to i am glad to here that
you hav a plenty of wood i was a
fraid you might Suffer for wood
you Said if you was me you would
Send hur letter with out a Stamp
i backed it when irote it before
i thought of sending it to you first
and then i thaught that i would

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send it to you first and
and then if their was anny lies
told of about it you would no it
we are Six miles South of nashville
i donot no how long we will Stay
here a Soldier dont no anny thing
beforehand i wish this ungodly
war would Soon come to a close
iam tired of it and then ino you
dont take anny comfart of your
life and that makes my life
more unhappy their is a cainbrake
close to our camp and their is
oceans of robbins comes their to
rost every knight and we go
out in the cain with candle

and take a Stick and we can
knock them down they are good
to eat we had a potpy for
dinner to day i knocked down
forty Six last knight itell
you they are good i am a going
out after roll call i am

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righting this by candlelight
ihav no news to right you
isuppose you get more war news
news their than we can here
the wether is pleasant here at
this time you said that helwig
done your Shoemaking on the rent
does he work in the Shop you will
hav to excues me this time with
a Short letter their was twelve
drafted men Sent to our company
from finley they ware all
dutch they Just make a mess
by them Selves iright too
about two letters a week
iwill quit and right afiew lines
to Siss and you can cut it out fo<?>

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tell Esta that i will right hur
abiger one in your next letter
you Said that you was out of money
is Sent you Seventy dollars twoo weeks
ago by afellow that lives in fort
wayne isuppose you hav got it
before this time as he was going
right home the next morning
after i gave it to him itold him
to give it it to John and isent a
letter by him to John and told
him to either take it to you or
Send it by Some that he could
trust right often as you can
From you loving husband

L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Hamelton Dec the 24th 1862

Near Nashville Tennessee

Dear and beloved Companion it with much
pleasure that i again take my pen in hand to inform
you that i am well at this time and do sincerely
hope those few lines will find you the Same
this is christmas eve and i will wish you a mery
christmas i would like to be there to spend the
day with you but i suppose i will hav to
Spend it on a march we hav got marching
orders to knight i donot no whare we are a
going but i think it is to a town about 18 miles
South of this camp our forces went out on
the road to day and drove the butternuts back
they may give us a fight but if they do i think
we will be anuff for them ~~you~~ recieved
a letter from you yesterday and glad to here from
you again it had two Small letters in it one from
Sis and one from Eugene and i love to see their
little ones it tells that they Sill love their pa
and i can assure them that pa Still loves them
O that i could clasp all of you to my bosom
this knight it would be Joy to me untold
you Said you was in nead of money i Sent you
Seventy dollars over two weeks ago by a man
that lives in fort wayne and i think you will
get it ere this reaches you i Sent it to John and
told him to either Send it or take it to you as
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soon as he could and i think you will get it by
the time this comes to hand if not you will
Send or right to John and find out about it
Sent it by a man that clurks for mr Jacobs
his boot and Shoe Store by the name of
Isac <?>een John is acquainted with him well i
had to Stop and go and help carry us Some be le beef
cook to marhc on tomorrow all of the boys are

a Sleep but fin and me and we are arighting
i Just rote you one yesterday but i thought as we
ware a going to march i would right again and let
you no of it you can Still direct your letters to
nashville and they will follow the regament
i hav not gotten my likeness yet they was So
buisy at nashville after we ware paid of that
icould not get it and then we did not
Stay but a fiew days after we ware paid
off but iwill get it the first oppertunity that i
can get you wanted to no if our capten had got
back to camp yet he has been back three or fower
days he got married at defiance and ithink he
is in better humer than he was before he went
home he Says he thinks this war will never bee
Settled by fighting and i think So to ithink
this war is a bore an the people of this goverment
will hav to quit so good by loved one
L B Wort to S G Wort