

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters  
OH1-02, Loyal B. Wort**

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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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Sleap and the gards hav  
to stay up all knight and get no

Sleap

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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-~~Bolen~~- bowlen green good by  
for this time right soon L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

**Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort**  
**Transcribed by M. Ellis, August 2009**

Camp Andrew Jackson . Feb. the 26<sup>th</sup> . 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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21<sup>st</sup> REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Huntsville

Ala May the 6<sup>th</sup> 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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21<sup>st</sup> REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor

Huntsville Ala May 11<sup>th</sup> 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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21<sup>st</sup> REGT. O. V. U. S. A.

Col. J. S. Norton

Co. E

Camp Taylor Ala  
May the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 ondy 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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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 be 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 be at home in time  
to make garden for you but it  
Seams that could not be 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