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Newfreedom Tenn.

May 24/63

Mr. R. J. McSheeters

Dear Brother - I have delayed writing to you longer than I intended, or should have done, my reason for not writing sooner is that my health has not been good for several weeks past. Consequently I have not felt much like writing. At present I feel much better, and think, I will soon be well again. I was much pleased to hear from you, and want you to write as soon as this is received. I received a letter from Ann today, dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>, she wrote a very interesting letter, and reports all well, No local news of importance.

Well: we are getting along as usual, have plenty to eat, & do, think likely we will remain here for several months, and probably all summer, The enemy is on our front, threatening, we have had several skirmishes with them lately, yesterday our Co. had a fight with the rebels, and captured two hundred of them, they killed and wounded about fifty, we lost two Officers killed, and ten privates, had about as wounded, & thirty taken prisoners, We have a large Co. force here now, and they are doing good work, I do not think the rebels will attack us here soon, but I think it more than likely they will give Rosey fight here this fall, if not sooner, We have good news from the Hero of America, Genl. Grant, he has

whipped the rebels at Vicksburg,  
taken the place, with a large  
number of prisoners. Bully for you  
I think a large portion of Bragg's  
Army went to Vicksburg, to reinforce  
the rebels there, Well I think a  
great many of them will never  
come back here, would that  
they all might never return,  
but find a traitors grave there.

We are now carrying the War  
into Africa, just to suit you,  
all we have ~~have~~ to do now  
is to press them hard, and  
the victory is ours, the Rebellion  
is put down, and the old Flag,  
the proud Emblem of our Nation,  
will again wave triumphantly  
over every part of the U.S.

Well Hooper did not do  
so well, did he, hope he  
will meet with better success  
the next time,

John Leominis spent the day  
with us to day, he is well, recd  
Lee's letter yesterday, We were  
very glad to hear from you,  
John will write to Lee soon,  
The health of our Co, B Regt  
is very good at present  
John Samms is discharged  
well he was of no account any  
way, three of our wounded will  
probably be discharged, Thomas  
Lansdon, Gael Lansdon, Israel  
Shins, and probably O. H. Green,  
W. L. Bunker is at St Louis, his  
wound is well, but his health is poor,  
he will probably be discharged, all of  
our boys that were taken prisoners  
have been exchanged for, and will be  
back soon, the two Williams boys have  
joined the Marine service, bully for  
them, Lieut G. W. L. is well, sends  
his respects to all the boys, my  
highest regards to all the boys  
and believe me as ever your  
aftr Brother A. W. M. Specter

Murfreesboro Tenn

May 31/63

Mrs. R. P. McSheeters

Dear Sister, I was  
very glad to receive your long,  
and interesting epistle, which  
informed of the good health  
of the family, and that you  
were all getting along well.

I am glad to inform you  
that my health has improved  
greatly since I last wrote home.  
I am now able to perform light  
duty, and think with proper  
care I will soon be well again.

This is Sabbath morning.  
We had a heavy rain yesterday,  
and last night, and a prospect  
of more to day. We are now  
on picket duty, on the Shelbyville  
Rike five miles from Murfreesboro.

We have been here three days, will  
remain seven days more, I like  
Picket duty, would rather be out here  
than in camp, though I tell you  
it was not very pleasant yesterday,  
and <sup>last</sup> night for we got a good  
ducking. Our pickets and the Rebels  
are in sight of each other, we  
exchange papers with them every  
evening, we get the Chattanooga  
Rebel, yesterday's Rebel, reported  
that Grant had been repulsed  
at Vicksburg, with heavy loss, but  
he was receiving heavy reinforcement,  
and if Pemberton did not receive  
reinforcements within a few days  
he must surrender his whole  
force, It also reported that Davis  
had promised Pemberton a hundred  
thousand men from Richmond, but  
but I think before this Grant has  
taken them all in out of the weather,  
Bully for Grant, the Hero of America

Well Ann, I ~~think~~ agree with you in  
your opinion about the War Policy, and that  
the Government is doing all it can to  
put down this infernal Rebellion.  
I think it pretty right to arm the  
negros, and put them into the field to  
fight the Rebels, the South has had  
their service long enough, I am glad to  
know that the Government is now  
organizing, and arming the negros, they  
will make good soldiers, and I am  
satisfied will fight well, there will  
be about one sept of them fanned at  
Murfreesboro, and three or four at Nashville.  
The war is now conducted on the right  
Policy, and our prospect of of final  
success, is truly cheering, We are now  
carrying the war into Africa, and I think  
ere long they will cry, hold enough.  
Till then, and not till then will we stop  
our hands, but when we go forth to meet  
them again, we will destroy every thing  
in our road that is useful to them,

I have not heard from Kenhin lately, only  
through letters received. From his Co, to a disease  
and others in our Co, he is well, I wrote to Mary  
some time ago has she received it yet, I also wrote  
to Father some ten days ago, expect a letter  
from him to day. The health of our Comp. G.  
Regt, is very good at present. We lost another  
one of our Co, yesterday, Morris, Mcabey,  
he has been sick about two weeks, he enlisted  
in our Co at Mexico, Mo, Since the first of  
Jan last, we have lost ~~one~~ <sup>eight</sup> men out of Co, E,  
two killed in battle, ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> died of wounds received  
in battle, and two have died of disease. There has been  
seven men discharged from the Co, since Jan,  
making a loss to the Co of 15 men, and two have  
been transferred to the marine service, and two  
more deserted making a total loss to the Comp, of  
19 men, in five months, We have 13 absent, sick,  
most of them wounded. Our total number at  
present is 72 men, Well I must bring my letter  
to a close, give my love to the Family, & believe me  
as ever your Affet Brother  
A. W. McPheters

Write soon, I expect to be at home in twelve  
months.



Murfreesboro Tenn  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> / 63

Mr R. P. McSheters

Dear brother, - I have written to you several times, and as yet have rec'd no answer from you. I cannot imagine why it is that I do not hear from you, if my letters do not come to hand. why do not you write, and let me know that you have not received my letters, I am very anxious to hear from you, and hope you will delay no time in answering this. Give me all the news, tell me how you like soldiering, and how your Co is getting along etc,

I rec'd a letter from Feather last night, written on the 27 of Jan, he reports all well, I also rec'd one from Ann last week, she had not heard from you for some time, was uneasy about you, I have answered her letter, also wrote to Feather this morning.

I am not well at present, we have not been since the brother had a struggle with the fluid, think he is improving slowly, George Lynn has also been quite unwell, has had a very bad cold, but is about well.

Our Division left here the first of this month on a scouting expedition, they are <sup>out</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>days</sup> out 12 days, have not heard from them since <sup>since</sup> <sup>they</sup> <sup>lost</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>camp</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>lonesome</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>us</sup> <sup>now,</sup> <sup>John</sup> <sup>Summers</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>see</sup> <sup>George</sup> <sup>yesterday,</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>camp</sup> <sup>last</sup> <sup>night,</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>glad</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>hear</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>Ann</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>children</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>news</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>health</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>improving</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>weather</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>country</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>beautiful</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>people</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>kind</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>food</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>water</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>fire</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>camp</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>people</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>kind</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>food</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>water</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>fire</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>good</sup> 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Murphy's horse is bearing strongly for tipped,  
yesterday there was ten thousand men working  
on the forts and breast works. The Rebels may  
attack us here, but I think it doubtful, should  
Grant be successful at Vicksburg, The Rebels  
will give Tenn up. Two Divisions of our  
army have gone to Vicksburg, and more may  
follow soon. There is where the great Battle  
of this Rebellion will be fought, and as  
it is strongly fortified, it will take a  
large force to take it. I think Grant  
and the Western boys will take it.

I sent you a list of the killed and  
wounded of our Co, since then Thomas Strayhorn  
has died of his wound. We had four men killed,  
Knight, Lynn, Miller, & Strayhorn. The  
wounded are doing well, that is those that are  
at Nashville, we have not heard from them  
that were sent to Cincinnati & Louisville.

The loss of our Regt was 308, killed  
61, (now) 80, including those that have died  
of their wounds, Wounded 188, missing 99,  
two Commissioned Officers killed and  
four wounded. We suffered a much heavier  
loss than any Regt in the battle.

George says tell Lee that he  
has been looking for a letter from him, he  
wrote to Lee a few days after the battle,  
by you will give my compliments to the

Donated by:

Rodney Hogan  
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December 1994

Addison W. Mc Pheeters, Jr.  
21st Illinois Infantry Regiment  
20th Company 1st Battalion and 11th  
Regiment, U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps.  
Letters, June 30, 1861 - April 30, 1864  
Mc Pheeters Family.

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Mr. Donald E. Magee, Superintendent  
Stones River National Battlefield  
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Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Dear Mr. Magee:

Thank you for your letter of March 8th, together with the enclosures. I appreciate having the proof that Andrew and Joel Barber Knight are buried in the Stones River National Cemetery.

I have made and enclose herewith xerox copies of six letters in which references are made to the Battle of Stones River, for which there is no charge. They are as follows:

1. Letter dated Jan. 18, 1863, Sullivan, Illinois, written by Ann (Campbell) McPheeters to her husband Rankin P. McPheeters who was serving in Co. "C", 126th Ill. Infty. Regiment; attached thereto are the pages written by Addison McPheeters (father of the twins, Addison W. and Rankin P. McPheeters) listing the killed, wounded and missing members of Company "E", 21st Ill. Infty. Regiment in the Battle of Stones River.
2. Letter dated February 1st, 1863, Sullivan, Ill., written by the above named Ann to her husband in which she tells of the trip to the battlefield made by Mr. B. B. Cornwell and Mr. James Lynn (Andrew J. Lynn's father).
3. Letter dated Feb. 12, 1863, Murfreesboro, Tenn., written by A. W. McPheeters (Co. "E", 21st Ill.) to his twin brother Rankin.
4. Letter dated March 13, 1863, Murfreesboro, Tenn., written by Addison W. McPheeters (Co. "E", 21st Ill.) to his twin brother Rankin.
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If you run into difficulty translating the letters, I will gladly make typed copies for you. Due to poor health, Addison W. McPheeters was transferred to the Invalid Corps (later changed to Veteran Reserve Corps) on August 1, 1863. He completed his term of enlistment and was discharged June 28, 1864. Let me know if I can be of further help to you.

Sincerely,

*Ann Miller*  
(Mrs. A. D. Miller)

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Sullivan Illinois  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Mr Rankin To M<sup>r</sup> Theaters

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nice pin cushion and needle book and send them <sup>also thread</sup> with your socks  
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send you a few pins and needles in this letter to last you  
untill I can send you more. When we received your letter  
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go was. She was very much pleased to hear that he was  
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did not join Loves so a great many of his company were killed  
and wounded. Julia can walk a cross the house alone she is  
pretty well off for dress. I made her a dress out of my  
scarf while in Indiana she is very proud of it because it  
is red she slips around as big as you please when she  
gets it on. If you could come home and see her I know  
you would <sup>not</sup> go back to the army anymore. she is very  
interesting. Here goes another half sheet but it is Fathers  
fault I could write more but Father wants me to leave  
this half sheet for you to write on. Write soon My love to all and

Sullivan  
I have not  
yourself Anna  
accept a large portion

... saw a letter from ... Murfreesboro, Tenn. ...  
 and am pleased to inform you that he came out of the battle there  
 unhurt, except being knocked down by a ~~cannon ball~~ limb of  
 a tree broke off by a shell. He was stunned but soon recovered  
 thirty one of company E were killed, wounded & missing - namely -

Killed, J. B. Knight	J. L. Akins, thigh, severe.	J. Adams, side, severe.
L. Hillier	A. G. Lyman, mortal - dead.	J. Abbott side, slight
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M. Landon, left arm broken.	Thos Landon, knee, severe.	Missing, W. G. Brown
S. Fairland, left thigh, severe.	R. L. Brown, thigh, severe	H. B. Wilson
K. Jenkins, Ear slightly	J. H. Black, thigh, slight	Thos Farners
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M. Wilson, left hand <sup>slightly</sup>	J. W. Bone, thigh, severe.	but I think it about
Strayhorn, leg broken <sup>and</sup>	Boggs, hand, slight	correct -
amputated -		

addison says, that no man could have fought more gallantly than  
did company C. they all stood up to it most manfully —  
As Ann is writing to you, I will only fill this paper — I send you  
stamp & paper. The secessionist had a meeting on Saturday in Sullivan  
Eden; Dr. Keller & young Titus were the speakers — and of course Lincoln  
and all who are in favour of our Government fell under their  
displeasure — Eden, I am told was abusive, and denounced  
the emancipation proclamation most bitterly — was opposed to the  
arrest of our citizens by U.S. officers — said our state was full of  
pimps & spys — that if any of them came prowling about him,  
or tried to arrest him — that he would shoot them and  
advised all his friends to do so to — (great applause) Eden  
would allow a man here to preach up treason, and deny  
to our government the right to arrest such persons —  
and yet he claims to be loyal, and when a candidate he  
avowed himself a war-democrat, and that he was in favour  
of a vigorous prosecution of the war — but he is elected now



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Sullivan Illinois

February 14 1862

Miss B. M. Pheeters

Dear Rankin

Your very welcome letter was handed to me last Friday  
evening it was perused with great pleasure. Nat came by here on his road  
home, he stoped and left a package of letters for Father to distribute.  
He wasent here but a few minutes, and I did not have an opportunity of  
asking him any questions. He is coming here in a few days to bring those things  
you sent to Julia. Julia is very proud of her money you sent her she thank  
it very pretty. You have her thanks for it. Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Lynn  
returned home last Wednesday. They came very very near being captured  
on their way home. They were fired upon by the fessillers, but no damage  
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could be taken from the ground in front of the 21st and 42nd regts  
and sent to their graves. That comes from your sister's  
letter a few days ago. Rankin says going to make corn  
will all be at home before long. Rankin says going to make corn  
number of teaching school next summer if you don't get that  
Cornwell said he saw a grave where that contained four hundred  
and fifty dead rebels. He said they went on the battle field in a few days  
after they got to Murfreesboro. He saw three men lying on the <sup>battle</sup> field that  
belonged to the 21st regiment - Co B that had not been buried also sixty  
three rebels. The country between Nashville and Murfreesboro is entirely  
desolated. There ain't a rail to be seen and only two or three houses  
that was preserved for some use for our troops. Cornwell said he  
could stand and count forty brick chimneys that the houses  
had been burnt between N. and M. It was eight o'clock at night when  
they arrived at Murfreesboro they inquired for the 57 21 and 42 regiments  
they were all camped close to gether. Cornwell went to a tent and  
followed and Henry York knew his voice and came out and in a few  
minutes Billy Cornwell came out they sat and chatted awhile  
and Addison and several more boys of company C came up they were  
nearly all gone to bed when they got there. Mr. Cornwell said it  
kept him ~~very~~ busy to answer all their questions. They stayed  
with the boys from Monday until Friday and could have stayed a  
week longer if they had known everything they were detained at  
Nashville a week after they had started home. The boys were not ready  
to start. Addison was not well when they left there he had an attack  
of the colic. Mr. Cornwell brought me a letter from Addison. He says  
he has no desire to fight another such battle but he is not tired  
of fighting for the old flag and stripes. He seems very anxious  
to hear from you. He has not had a letter from you since you  
left. He has written four letters to you and has received  
no answer. I want you to write to him often direct to Murfreesboro  
Tennessee. He had just received a letter from David Richardson  
He is at Benton Barracks has been home lately his sister  
Francis is going to be married soon to Mr. Brown Mr. Summs  
is at ~~the~~ brother's very sick Dr. Lewis is tending on him. I forgot to tell  
you that Mr. Lyman did not bring Anderson home with him. Mr. Bennett  
has not sent for Barber yet I don't know whether they intend to  
or not. Addison is going to send Brother some cedar trees from  
the battle field as soon as the rail road is in running order again.



Franklin we just finished butchering yesterday evening. We killed ten  
hogs nine of which we kept our selves one let Mr Hammer have  
one. We wished for you and Addison a great many times before  
we got through. I do wish you was here to help us to eat our good  
sausage meat and souce. Franklin I don't think Uncle Sam is very  
good to you or he would provide clothes for you. If you will come  
home you shant want for nothing. I have learnt to knit and I  
can keep you in good socks and I can patch as good as anybody.  
I should like very much to have you come home. Suppose you apply for  
a discharge and see how you will succeed. What is the general opinion  
in regard to the length of the war. Do you all think it will be ended  
before spring or not. I cant say what the general opinion is here.  
Some think the war will be ended before spring and others think  
it will continue for some time. I think a few more battles like  
that of Murfreesboro will end the war. The secessionist here are a  
great deal worse than those in the south. I have a natural hatred  
towards them. I hope their property and every thing they have  
in the world will be confiscated and taken from them. Franklin I will send some  
more hearts to you provided you will let me know who those gentle  
men are that want them. Julia is not very well she has caught  
fresh cold. she is real antic can take a paper and read. I wipe  
her nose and walk to the kitchen. she never reads anything but  
dad. It would amuse you to hear her talk. If we go to the door  
and tell her dinner is ready she will start for the kitchen in a  
min. she has nine teeth. John says she thinks you made a mistake  
when you said you intended to send Charley a rebel gun. you  
must have sent him as you promised him one. Charley says to send it  
the first opportunity. He wants you to send <sup>a rebel gun</sup> ~~axe~~ to her to shoot  
sticken hawks. we are all on the grunting list. all have very bad colds  
Charles Tyler the attorney I was going to employ to attend to our  
business is dead. died since I wrote to him. Uncle Jesse has paid  
our taxes. The amount he paid was \$108 dollars. The taxes was not as  
much as we expected. He is going to send the remainder of the  
money back. Father sent a hundred and twenty five dollars \$125 dollar

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Murfreesboro, Tenn  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> / 49

Mr R. P. McNeeters

Dear Brother, - I have written to you several times, and as yet have rec'd no answer from you, I cannot imagine why it is that I do not hear from you, if my letters do not come to hand why do not you write, and let me know that you have not received my letters, I am very anxious to hear from you, and hope you will delay no time in answering this, Give me all the news, tell me how you like soldiering, and how your Co is getting along etc,

I rec'd a letter from Father last night, written on the 27 of Jan, he reports all well, I also rec'd one from Ann last week, she had not heard from you for some time, was uneasy about you, I have answered her letter, also wrote to Father this morning.

I am not well at present, nor have not been since the battle, I am suffering with the fluid, think I am improving slowly, George Lynn has also been quite unwell, has had a very bad cold, but is about well.

Our Division left here the first of this month on a scouting expedition, they are out 12 days to day, have not heard from them since they left, George & I did not go on account of the health, Camp is very disagreeable to us now, John Cummins was to see George and I yesterday, he is well and hearty, We have had a great deal of rain since the first of Jan, at present we have beautiful weather.

Murfreesboro is being strongly fortified,  
yesterday there was ten thousand men working  
on the forts and breast works, the Rebels may  
attack us here, but I think it doubtful, should  
Grant be successful at Vicksburg, the Rebels  
will give Tenn up, two Divisions of our  
army have gone to Vicksburg, and more may  
follow soon, There is where the great Battle  
of this Rebellion will be fought, and as  
it is strongly fortified, it will take a  
large force to take it. I think Grant  
and the Western boys will take it.

I sent you a list of the killed and  
wounded of our Co, since then Thomas Strayhorn  
has died of his wound, we had four men killed,  
Knight, Lynn, Miller, & Strayhorn, the  
wounded are doing well, that is those that are  
at Rushville, we have not heard from them  
that were sent to Cincinnati & Louisville.

The loss of our Regt was 308, killed  
61, (now) 80, including those that have died  
of their wounds, Wounded 188, missing 99,  
two Commissioned Officers killed and  
four wounded, We suffered a much heavier  
loss than any Reg in the battle.

George says tell Lee that he  
has been looking for a letter from him, he  
wrote to Lee a few days after the battle.

By you will give my compliments to the  
Boys, Write soon, And believe me  
as ever your Affct Brother  
A. W. McPheters

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Wright Wing, Army of the Cumberland  
Mag Genl Roscherans, Comd'g  
20<sup>th</sup> Army Corps: Mr. Cook  
1<sup>st</sup> Division: A. S. Davis  
2<sup>d</sup> Brigade W. P. Carlin

Murfreesboro, Tenn

March 13<sup>th</sup> / 63

Mr R. P. McPherson

Dear Brother, - your kind favor of March 1<sup>st</sup> has been received, I was very glad to hear from you, also to learn that you were well, and was well contented with a soldiers life, I have a letter from Father of March 5<sup>th</sup>, he reports all well, - No special news of importance, The copperheads are still howling as usual, are making threats, but he thinks it will all amount to nothing, I wish we had some of them with us, We would give them something to howl for, I have no money or forbearance with such men, shooting is too good for them, they should die the death of a fellow, I long to see the conscript law given to effect, I want to see the copperheads compelled to fight, or see what their resistance to the law will amount to,

This rebellion must, and will be put down regardless of cost, or sacrifice, We need more men in the field and must have them, better lose everything, sacrifice our all, even life itself, than have this Government destroyed, We are both in this war and should be willing to see our part of

We have had two little skirmishes with the  
rebels lately, killed several and took quite a  
number of prisoners. Our Division is now out on a  
scout, have been out five days, will be in  
tomorrow, I did not go on account of ill health,  
my health has not been good for some time, for  
I am now suffering with diarrhoea.

We were paid 4 months pay on the 1st of this  
month, Camp E, sent \$2500 dollars home, there  
is now two months pay due us,

I received a box by Express last night,  
from home, with three pair boots, socks, &c  
for S. W. Lynn & his wife, and myself.

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here lately, at present we have beautiful weather,  
but the roads are very muddy. I want to  
write of text, giving compliments to  
all enquiring friends, Tell Lee George is  
well and hearty, will write to him when  
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C. Addison M. Wheeler



Sullivan Illinois

Jan 18th 1863

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Cornwell said he saw a grave that contained four hundred and fifty dead rebels. He said they went on the battle field in a few days after they got to Murfreesboro. he saw three men lying on the battle field that belonged to the 21st regiment Co. I that had not be buried also sixty three rebels. The country between Nashville and Murfreesboro is entirely devastated there aint a rail to be seen and only two or three houses that was pressed for some use for our troops. Cornwell said he could stand and count forty brick chimneys that the houses had been burnt between N----- and M-----(Nashville and Murfreesboro) It was eight oclock at night when they arrived at Murfreesboro they inquired for the 51, 21 and 42 regiments they were all camped close to gether Cornwell went to a tent and hollowed and Henry York knew his voice and came out and in a few minutes Billy Cornwell came out they set and chatted awhile and Addison and several more boys of Company E came up they were nearly all gone to bed when they got there. Mr. Cornwell said it kept him more than busy to answer all their questions. They stayed with the boys from Monday untill friday and could have stayed a week longer if they had of known everything they were detained at Nashville a week after they had started home. The boats were not ready to start. Addison was not well when they left there he had an attack of the colic. Mr. Cornwell brought me a letter from Addison. He says he has no desire to fight another such battle but he is not tired of fighting for the old stars and stripes. He seems very anxious to hear from you. He has not had a letter from you since you left Atton. He has written four letters to you has received no answer. I want you to write to him often direct to Murfreesboro Tennessee. He had just received a letter from David

Richardson. He is at Benton Barracks has been home lately his sister Francis is going to be married soon to Mr. Brown. Mr. Samms is at brothers very sick Dr. Lewis is tending on him. I forgot to tell you that Mr. Lynn did not bring Andrew home with him. Mr. Knight has not sent for Barber yet I dont know whether they intend to or not Addison is going to send Father some cedar trees from the battle field as soon as the rail road is in running order again.

Rankin I am very sorry that you have learned to chew tobacco. I did not hink that of you. I see I have too good an opinion of you. Rankin I would rather heard of your loosing twenty dollars than to have heard of your chewing tobacco it is such a filthy practice it will injure your health spoil your beauty and ruin your teeth it will also make you nervous. I think it is no wonder you have the tooth ache so much. I dont blame your teeth for acheing. Although I sympathize with you very much for I have been troubled with the tooth ache a great deal myself. Rankin I dont want you to think that I am scolding when you read this. I feel more like crying than scolding. I want you to try and quit chewing tobacco, please promise me in your next letter that you will never chew any more. If you will quit I will make you a nice pin cushion and send you. I think I will have a chance to send you a pair of socks pins needles and thread in a short time by Purvis or Powell. Nelso is going by Humboldt when he returns to his regiment James Powells wife James Hagerman Sarah Harnip and some other man is going with him as far as Humboldt Sarah is going by Humboldt on her road to see Ike Harnep. O dear I do want to go along so bad If I only had some money I would go I am really sorry I went to Indiana If I had the money I spent going to Ind I would go to see you. I want to see you so much. I cant stand it much longer it seems like it hasbeen a year since I saw you. This would be such a good chance for me to go I could come back with Mr. Hagerman What think you about it? Rankin. Addison hasnt chewed any tobacco for a year he has quit entirely. Ma and I are so proud to think he has quit we are going to make a nice present and send to him. Miss Olds says she would rather hear your letters read than any others she has heard read from the Co. she says you write with so much satisfaction and explain everything so well. Every one that has heard your letters ready bragg on them they say you write such interesting letters. I am very proud

of your letters. It lifts me to have folks brag on your letters. You can laugh at the boys that write to the ladies in the brick as much as you please

Rankin we just finished butchering yesterday evening. We killed ten hogs nine of which we keep our selves. We let Mr. Hammer have one. We wished for you Addison a great many times before we got through I do wish you was here to help us to eat our good sausage meat and souse. Rankin I dont think Uncle Sam is very good to you or he would provid clothes for you. If you will come home you shant want for nothing. I have learnt to knit and I can keep ou in good socks and I can patch as good as anybody. I should like very much to have you come home. Suppose you apply for a discharge and see how you will succeed. What is the general opinion in regard to the length of the war. Do you think it will be ended before spring or not. I cant say what the general opinion is here. Some think the war will be ended before spring and others think it will continue for some time. I think a few more battles like that of Murfreesboro will end the war. The secessionest here are a great deal worse than those in the south. I have a natural hatred toward them. I hope their property and everything they have in the world will be confiscated and taken from them. Rankin I will send some more hearts to you provided you will let me know who those gentlemen are that want them. Julia is not very well she has caught fresh cold. She is real antic can take a paper and read. I wipe her nose, and walk to the kitchen. She never reads anything but dad. It would amuse you to hear her talk. If we go to the door and tell her dinner is ready she will start for the kitchen in a run. She has nine teeth. John says he thinks he thinks you made a mistake when you said you intended to send Charley a rebel gun. You must have ment hime as you promised him one. Charley says to send it the first opportunity. Ma wants you to send a rebel gun to her to shoot chicken hawks. We are all on the grunting list; all have very bad colds Charles Tyler the attorney I was going to employ to attend to our business is dead. died since I wrote to him. Uncle Jesse has paid our taxes. The amount he paid was \$109 dollars. The taxes was not a much as we expected. He is going to send the remainder of the money back. Father sent a hundred and twenty five dollars \$125 dollars.



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Rankin I think this letter will come up with yours now for that present. I imagine you will say it is not as long as yours but I have written it very close and there is no print on it. Dont you think I have earned my present? Rankin I sent you some pins needles postage stamps and letter paper in my last letter did you get it Dont forget to answer my questions.

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Mr. Hancock has writing school at the school house two nights in every week. Robbert Stewart was buried a Saturday evening. Rankin try and get a furlough to come home on a visit. I do hope Smyzer and Vaughn will get discharges and come home. I think your company will be better off without them. Rankin I have a strong notion of teaching school next summer if you dont get home, but I hope you will be at home before that time. I answered Cousin Betties letter a few days ago. Rankin I am going to make some hearts and send to those little girls that carries your your dinner. I have ent anymore or I would send them in this letter. We have very cold weather now the ground is froze hard. Write me a long letter.

Addison W. McPheeters  
21st ILL.

Murfreesboro, Tenn  
Feb 12th/63

Mr. R. P. McPheeters

Dear brother, I have written to you several times and as yet have recd no answer from you, I cannot imagine why it is that I do not here from you, if my letters do not come how why do not you write, and let me know that you have not received my letters. I am very anxious to hear from you and hope you will delay no time in answering this. Give me all the news, tell me how you like soldering, and how your Co. is getting along & etc.

I recd a letter from Father last night, written on the 27 of Jan, he reports all well, I also recd one from Ann last week, she had not heard from you for sometime, was uneasy about you. I have answered her letter, also wrote to Father this morning.

I am not well at present, nor have not been since the Battle. I am suffering with the flux, I think I am improving slowly. George Lynn has also been quite unwell, has had a very bad cold, but is about well.

Our division left here the first of this month on a scouting expedition, they are out 12 days to day, have not heard from them since they left. George & I did not go on account of the health, camp is very lonesome to us now, John Cummins was to see George and I yesterday, he is well and hearty. We have had a great deal of rain since the first of Jan. of present we have beautiful weather

Murfreesboro is being strongly fortified. yesterday there was ten thousand men working on the forts and breast works. The Rebels may attack us here, but I think it doubtful, should Grant be successful at Vicksburg. The Rebels will give Tenn up. Four divisions of our army have gone to Vicksburg, and more may follow soon. There is where the great Battle of the Rebellion will be fought, and as it is strongly fortified it will take a large force to take it. I think Grant and the Western boys will take it.

I sent you a list of the killed and wounded of our Co. Since then Thomas Strayhorn (Strayhome) has died of his wounds, We had four men killed, Knight (Joel B.) Lynn (Andrew J.), Hiller (Gotlipes) & Strayhome (Thomas). The wounded are doing well, that is those that are at Nashville. We have not heard from them that were sent to Cincinnati & Louisville.

The loss of our Regt was 308, killed 61, (now) 80, including those that have died of their wounds, wounded 188, missing 59, two commissioned officers killed and four wounded. We suffered a much heavier loss than any Reg in the Battle.

George says to tell Lee that he has been looking for a letter from him. he wrote to Lee a few days after the Battle.

You will give my compliments to the boys. Write soon and Believe me as ever your Affet Brother

A.W.McPheeters

Addison W. McPheeters  
21 st ILL.

Wright Wing, Army of the Cumberland  
Maj Genl Rosecrans, Comdg.  
20th Army Corp. Genl McCook, "  
1st Division " J.C. Davis "  
2nd Brigade W. P. Carlin "

Murfreesboro, Tenn  
March 13th/63

Mr. R. P. McPheeters

Dear Brother - Your kind favor of March 1st has been received, I was very glad to hear from you, also to learn that you were well, and was well contented with a soldiers life. I have a letter from Father of March 5th he reports all well. No special news of importance, The Copperheads are still howling as usual, and making treats, but he thinks it will all amount to nothin, I wish we had some of them with us, We would give them something to howl for, I have no mercy or forbearance with sutch men, shooting is too good for them, they should die the death of a fellen, I long to see the Conscript law go into effect. I want to see the Copperheads Compelled to fight, or see what their resistance to the law will amount to.

This Rebellion must, and will be put down, regardless of cost, or sacrifice. We need more men in the field and must have them, better loose everything, sacrifice our all, even life itself. than have this Government destroyed. We are both in this war and should be willing to bear our part of

We have had two little skirmishes with the rebles latly, killed several and took quite a number of prisnors. Our Division is now out on a scout. have been out five days, will be in tomorrow. I did not go on account of ill health. My health has not been good for some time for I am now suffering with diarrhea.

We were paid 4 months pay on the 6th of this month. Camp E sent \$2,500 dollars home, there is now two months pay due us.

I received a box by Express last night, from home, with three pair boots, socks, etc. for G. W. Lynn, J. B. Reese and myself.

We have had a great deal of rain here lately, at present we have beautiful weather but the roads are very muddy, I want you to write often, give my compliments to all enquiring friends. Tell Lee, George is well and hearty, will write to him when he returns, Write soon, Your brother

Addison W. McPheeters

21st ILL  
Addison W. McPheeters

Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
May 24/63

Mr. R. P. McPheeters,

Dear Brother, I have delayed writing to you longer than I intended, or should have done. My reason for not writing sooner is that my health has not been good for several weeks past. Consequently I have not felt much like writing. At present I feel much better and think I will soon be well again. I was much pleased to hear from you, and want you to write as soon as this is received. I received a letter from Ann today, dated May 20th she wrote a very interesting letter and reports all well. No real news of importance.

Well, we are getting along as usual, have plenty to eat & do, think likely we will remain here for several months, and probably all summer. The enemy is on our front, threatening, we have had several skirmishes with them lately, yesterday our Cav had a fight with the rebels, and captured two hundred of them. They killed and wounded about fifty. We lost two officers killed and ten privates, had about 20 wounded & thirty taken prisoners. We have a large Cas force here now, and they are doing good work. I do not think the rebels will attack us here soon, but I think more than likely they will give Rosey a fight here this fall, if not sooner. We have good news from the Hero of America, Genl. Grant, he has whipped the rebels at Vicksburg, taken the place, with a large number of prisoners, Bully for Grant. I think a large portion of Bragg's Army went to Vicksburg to reinforce the rebels there. Well I think a great many of them will never come back here, would that they all might never return, but find a traitors grave there.

We are now carrying the War into Africa, just to suit me. All we have to do now is to press them hard, and victory is ours. The Rebellion is put down and the old Flag, the Proud Emblem of our Nationality will again wave triumphantly over every foot of the U.S..

Well Hooker did not do so well, did he, hope he will meet with better success the next time.

John Cummins spent the day with us today, he is well, recd. Lee's letter yesterday. We were very glad to hear from you. John will write Lee soon.

The health of our Co & Regt is very good at present. John Samms is discharged, well he was of no account any way. three of our wounded will probably be discharged. Thomas Lansdon (Lansden), Joel Lansdon (Joel A. Lansden), Isreal Skins (Israel J. Aikens), and probably E F Gree (Elijah F. Green, Corp.), W L Baskin (William L Bankson) is at St. Louis, his wound is well, but his health is poor. he will probably be discharged, all of our boys that were taken prisoners have been exchanged for and will be back soon, the two Wilsons boys have joined the marine service, bully for them. Liuet. G.W.L. (George W. Lynn) is well, sends his respects to all the boys. My highest regards to all the boys and believe me as ever your afct. Brother

A W McPheeter

Addison W. McPheeters  
21st ILL.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
May 31/63

Mrs. R. P. McPheeters,

Dear Sister, I was very glad to receive your long and interesting epistle, which informed of the good health of the family, and that you were all getting along well.

I am glad to inform you that my health has improved greatly since I last wrote home. I am now able to perform light duty, and think with proper care I will soon be well again.

This is Sabath morning. We had a heavy rain yesterday and last night, and a prospect of more to day. We are now on Picket duty, on the Shelbyville Pike five miles from Murfreesboro

We have been here three days Will remain four days more. I like Picket duty, would rather be out here than in camp, though I tell you it was not very pleasant yesterday, and last night, for we got a good ducking. Our Pickets and the Rebels are in sight of each other. We exchange papers with them every evening. We get the Chattanooga Reble, Yesterdays Reble reported that Grant had been repulsed at Vicksburg, with heavy loss, but he was receiving heavy reinforcement and if Pemberton did not receive reinforcements within a few days he must surrender his whole force, It also reported that Davis had promised Pemberton a hundred thousand men from Richmond, bah But I think before this Grant has taken them all in out of the weather Bully for Grant, the Hero of America Well Ann, I agree with you in your opinion about the War Policy and that the Government is doing all it can to put down this infernal Rebellion, I think it pretty right to arm the negros and put them into the field to fight the Rebels, the South has had their service long enough, I am glad to know that the Government is now organizing and arming the negros, they will make good soldiers and I am satisfied will fight well. There will be about on Regt. of them formed at Murfreesboro and three or four at Nashville.

The war is now conducted on the right Policy, and our prospect of final sweep is truly cheering. We are now carring the war into Africa and I think ere long they will cry, hold, enough. Till then

and not till then will we stay our hands, but when we go forth to meet them again, we will distroy everything in our road that is useful to them. I have not heard from Rankin lately, only through letters received from his Co. to Reese and others in our Co., he is welll, I wrote to Mary some time ago has she received it yet. I also wrote to Father some ten days ago. expect a letter from him today. The health of our Camp & Regt. is very good at present. We lost another one of our Co. yesterday, Morris McAboy (died May 30, 1863). He has been sick about two weeks. he enlisted in our Co. at Mexico, Mo. Since the first of Jan. last, we have lost eight men out of Co. E, two killed in Battle, four died of wounds received in battle, and two have died of disease. There has been seven men discharged from the Co. since Jan. Making a loss to the Co. of 15 men, and two have been transferred to the Marine service, and two more deserted making the total loss to the camp. of 19 men in five months. We have 13 absent sick, most of them wounded. Our total number at present is 73 men. Well I must bring my letter to a close, give my love to the Family & believe me as ever your Afct. Brother.

A. W. McPheeter

Write soon, I expect to be at home in twelve months.



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Sir,

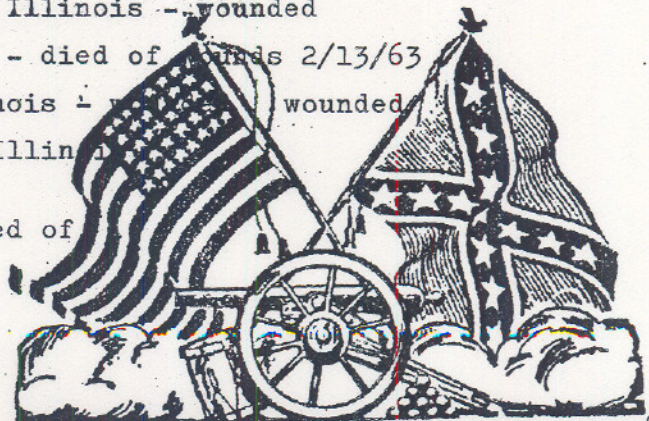
I recently came across the enclosed letter in the Illinois Archives in Springfield. It is a part of the Phillip Welshimer Collection. I thought that perhaps you might be interested in it.

As you can tell, it seems to mention a brief struggle on December 30th before the actual battle began on December 31st. The 21st Illinois, it seems took part in the struggle. It is of interest to me because of the Thomas Ashmore which Welshimer mentions as having been one of the first, if not the first man killed, on December 30th. According to the Illinois A.- G. Report, the other men are listed as having died on the 31st, but Ashmore on the 30th. This Ashmore, as well as two others, all cousins from the small town of Oakland, Illinois were all at Stones River. Thomas and John were killed and Hezekiah was wounded. (in the big toe). John was killed on the 31st. Also from Oakland, and a brother to an uncle by marriage, Wesley Hoge was killed on the 31st.

I have photographs of Thomas Ashmore, John Ashmore and Hezekiah Ashmore that I would be glad to have copies made and send to you if you would be interested. I also have copies of the certificates for both Ashmores and a letter attesting to Hoge's death signed by Welshimer.

The names mentioned in the letter and specifics about them are:

William Kersett - Neoga, Illinois - killed  
John Redfern - Prairie City, Illinois - killed  
Wesley Hoge - Oakland, Illinois - killed  
William Furgason - Mattoon, Illinois - killed  
Sgt. Sam Wilson - Neoga, Illinois - wounded  
James Sell - Neoga, Illinois - wounded  
Columbus Halbrook - Prairie City, Illinois - wounded  
Thomas Robinson - Neoga, Illinois - died of wounds 2/13/63  
Allen Gorden - Prairie City, Illinois - wounded  
Wallace Buchanan - Prairie City, Illinois -  
reenlisted as a veteran  
John Maynard, - Neoga, Illinois died of  
wounds 2/28/63  
Dock's brother had to be Samuel  
Albin - Co.D - 21st Illinois  
of Newman, Illinois - killed  
at Stones River 12/31/62



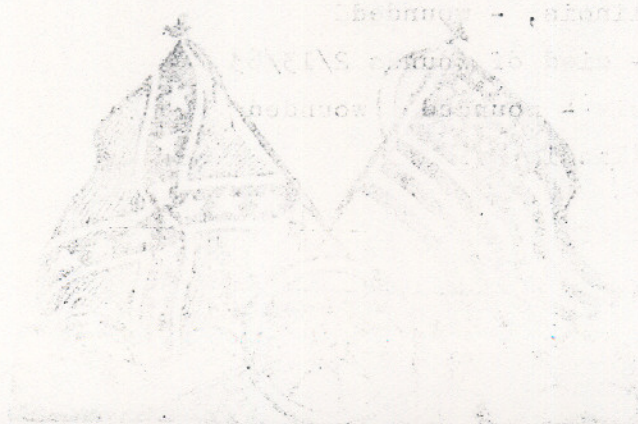
Sincerely Frank Crawford.

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P.S.

I neglected to mention that the Ashmore men are all great-great uncles of mine, and grandsons of a Samuel Ashmore who fought in New Orleans with Andy Jackson. There were 10 cousins and an uncle involved from Oakland.

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Elizabeth & James Black \_\_\_\_\_ William Black (Co. B.- 55th Illinois)  
Lost hearing at Shiloh

Sussanah & Josiah Black \_\_\_\_\_ James Black (Co. B.- 55th Illinois)  
Lost Hearing at Shiloh  
Crippled from forced march from Vicksburg  
to Chattanooga to Nashville.

Louisa & George Washington McConkey  
( Co. H.- 4th Illinois Mexican War)  
( Co. E.- 5th Illinois Cavalry Civil War)

Samuel Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ James Alfred Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ Hezekiah A. Ashmore (Co. B.-21st Illinois)  
War of 1812 \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded at Stones River  
George Washington Ashmore (Co. K.- 143rd Ill.)\*  
Died of illness - Mound City, Ill

Gideon Mathew Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ George Washington Ashmore (CO. K.- 1st Wis.)\*  
Died of illness at Falling Waters, Va.

Hezekiah Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ Hezekiah M. Ashmore (Co. C.- 8th Illinois)\*  
(Co. A.&H.- 123rd Ill)  
James M. Ashmore (Co. C.- 8th Illinois)\*  
wounded - Shiloh (Co. C.- 8th Illinois)\*\*

Carrol Omar Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ John H. Ashmore (Co. B.- 21st Illinois)  
Killed at Stones River

Samuel Claburn Ashmore \_\_\_\_\_ John N.(W.) Ashmore (Co. B.- 55th Illinois)  
Killed at Shiloh  
Thomas J. Ashmore (Co. B.- 21st Illinois)  
Killed at Stones River

\* 100 day unit

\*\* Re organized unit

Camp in Bivoach near Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Jan. 4, 1863

Dear Wife and Children,

The first leisure time that I have had for some days I hasten to drop you a line, as you will hear we have been fighting for some days. I know that you will be very uneasy. We have had some of the hardest fighting that I have yet seen, and harder than I pray than I may ever again see. I came out safe, not having the hide broke, yet my clothes was somewhat ridled, but OH GOD, my company and my regiment.. We went into the fight with over seven hundred men and now have about 300 but some we are missing will come up. Our brigade opened the fight here Tuesday about two O'clock Dec. 30 and held our ground till darkness compelled us to cease. The next morning they attacked the division on our right at day light, surprising them and capturing a full battery of artillery before they had their horses hitched. They of course fled in confusion. This division was under General Johnson. May God save our army from all such insignificant Generals and may Heaven pardon his dark and treacherous soul. They then threw their whole force upon our divisions, completely over powering us and drove us some two miles leaving our dead and some of our wounded in their hands, but we fought them the best we could until we fell behind our reserves under the immediate supervision of the noble and brave Rosecrans who in person led the first successful charge against them, checking and driving them back with greater slaughter than they drove General Davis's division. They held part of the ground we once occupied we held a part that they held. We have taken between two and three thousand prisoners. They perhaps as many. So the thing so far is about even. There has been more or less fighting every day since the 31st till today, this being Sunday. All so far appears quiet. They are well satisfied that they can not break our lines and as our reinforcements are coming up we all feel confident of success. I had ~~four~~ five killed dead and ten wounded and four missing. The killed I give as they fell. Thos. Ashmore, Wm Kensett, poor Bill never knew what hurt him he was in the ranks fighting bravely and fell with his face to the enemy of his country. That this under the stars and stripes, this is all I now can say to console his friends, The next one that fell was John Redfern from near Prairie City, Wesley Hoage & Wm. E. Fergason, both from Coles County. The wounded that any around Neoga would know was Sam Wilson, James Sell, Colubus Halbrooms, Thomas Robinson from near Etna and I fear mortally & Allen Gordon. I think

they will get well unless it is Robinson. Among my missing is Wallace Buchanan and John Maynard and a brother of Dock's. They were in the ranks when the order was given to fall back but perhaps did not hear it. If so they are prisoners. I will write you more at length when the fight is over if I am not wiped out. My health continues good, notwithstanding I have not had my clothes off for ten days or sleep on the cold wet ground what little I could sleep. It has been raining about half the time since Christmas. May Heaven Bless us all. Let J. H. Orr and Dock Albin see this letter.

Your Husband

Phil Welshimer