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Dear Edith M. Totten

I was real glad to get a letter from you. a type written letter too. It is very nice for Edith to write Grandpa. And you are reading (Dope reads to you) history Geography German Spelling &c You are learning about the Civil War. Well I will tell you something about the battles I was in and the Generals I was under

I was in the battle at Perryville in Kentucky. This battle was fought Oct 8 1862. Gen Gen Carlos Buell was the Union Gen & Gen Breckinridge the Confederate Commander. This place is called Perryville and also Chaplin Hills: it is in Boyle Co Ky not Jeffersonville. Gen McCook's ^{own Gen} Corps done most of the fighting. I was under Gen G. B. Thomas who commanded the ~~Eight~~ ^{Eight} Corps of the Army. McCook commanded the Eight Corps.

We had a fight at Stanford in Lincoln Co Ky. The Confederates were winning as fast as possible.

There was a battle at Mansfieldville. Breckinridge's Army surrounded Mansfieldville (a fort) & starved our men out. The men in that fort was under Bryan in Lincoln Co Ky. The men surrendered to Gen Hindman under Gen Breckinridge.

Capt Jempton died that night his people lived in Lafayette

Capt W. Foster died that night he lived in Kentucky, Ind. I believe

Gen J. C. B. Sumner lived then in Bulgaria Ind & lives there now I was at
of the Ninth Ind Reg & was made Brig Gen

Calvin Jones was living about 2 miles from Louisville. He died that night

Adam Stuts lived near the above Jones. " " " " " "

Capt Lyon. lives near South Point

Chris Board was lying down on the bench - He was shot once and broken
one leg broken & another Minnie ball went in at his breast & come out
on the left side of his back bone: That struck his lungs. He was sent back
and was gone to the Convalescent Camp & in 90 days he returned into
camp but did not go on duty.

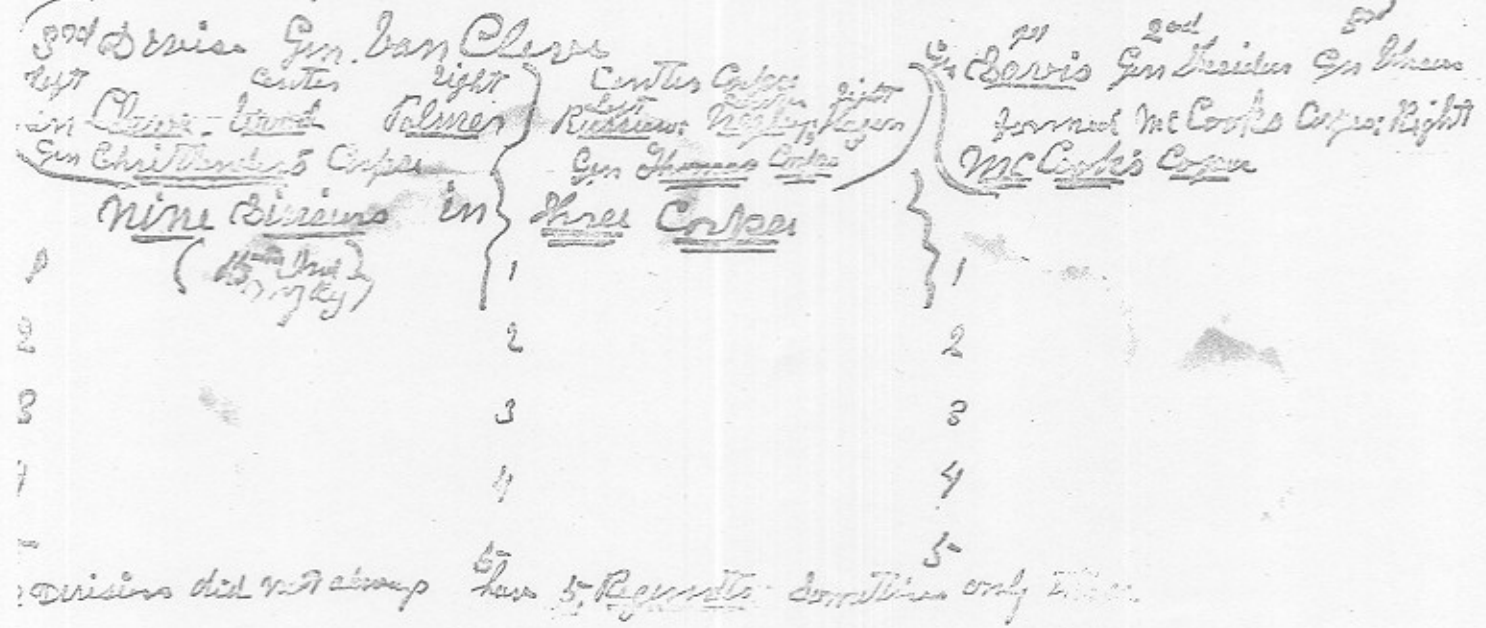
John C. Long was shot by a Shell bursting - Cut off his foot above the
ankle except a piece of flesh & skin. He took out his knife & cut it
off & turned the bitch of his Gun for an arm support used it as
a crutch when I put him on my horse & carried him back to the
field hospital. which are on the opposite side. Great O. O.

We had to move all our wounded men that night Dec 31 1862

I worked all night as Ambulances came & went at 4 o'clock next morning
I put the last man in the Ambulance - About 300. Then I mounted my horse
& struck out to find my Reg. I found them about Sun up, near Spottsville on
opposite side of two miles away from where they were at 5 o'clock. I put my
saddle & blankets on my horse when I was moving the wounded men
at this night so far as help was concerned I was the only one who
was not hurt but there were several who were killed & wounded

Army was coming to relieve Gen Wilder: We could not get up in time to save the fort: The surrender took place Sunday morning & we arrived in the afternoon & met 4500 of Wilder's men without arms (arms, guns) My Lieut Col was among the number who was surrendered. These two battles are not mentioned in some histories. Not in any general history. They are too small for some historians to give.

Our next battle was Stone River Tennessee. We, ^{The} Union Army, had taken up winter quarters three miles south of Nashville in Nov - ^{about 9 Oct} ~~we~~ broke camp, Dec 24th. We marched in two lines about evenly divided. Gen McCook's Corps on the right and under him was three divisions ^{2^d} Gen Phil Sheridan's division: Gen Davis Div. & Gen Johnson's Div forming the right, Gen Thomas Corps Com of our left. With Gen Thomas I Wood (I was in Wood's division - ^{Dec 9 1862} Gen Wm. M. Palmer of Ill. ^{Gen} ~~Palmer~~. 2. Gen Crittenden's Corps - 1st Div was Palmer - 2nd Div Thomas I Wood



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Beach Union forces

A the whole army at Stone River union

