

Camp Huntsville, Ala, Jan 15th

Dear mother

I take my pen in hand & write to you once more hoping these few lines will find you quite well and in good spirits for that is the way it leave me at present but I have been about sick for several weeks but I am better now it is a long time since I wrote to you but I hope you will forgive me for we have had a hard march and 2 days of hard fighting front of Nashville, which you have heard about it before now and I was in it all the 2 day but I was as lucky as before come out without a scratch and we are now at Huntsville Ala and we have built winter quarters by order of our Gen and we have just ^{AGO} got them done and we are all right if they will let us stay in them as long as they say. 3 months it is a nice place and it puts me in mind of spring this morning ^{THE?} meadow larks is ringing and the blue birds but I suppose it is pretty cold there now but we have had some cold wether down here we expect to be paid before we leave here and I hope we will for there is an 4 years pay dew to me now about \$ 400 dol and that will be quite a pile but I would like to have got it before now that it ~~would~~ do you some good for I know

that you have needed it but I could not get it
but I hope that I can get it soon

I received a letter from George about 2
weeks ago and he was quite well and I shall
write to him today and I have not had a letter
from Louisa for some time but they was all
well then and I am a going to write to them
today and Elizabeth the same and John but
I hope they are all well and Mary Ann and
you and the old Gentleman and and my best
respects to him from your

Son Wm Hart

I am detailed as PROVOST guard at Brigade head
quarters and so Direct Head Quarters
7 Brig 2 Div 4 AC

44th Ill.

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Nothing About Stones River.

Camp Huntville Tenn, Jan, 1862

Dear Father

BUT...
REFERENCE
TO NASHVILLE
IS PROBABLY
TO STONE
RIVER

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 to write to you once more hoping
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Elizabeth the same and John but
I hope they are all well and my best regards
and you and the Old Gentleman and
and my best respects to him from your kin
Yours truly
H. H. Hatt

I am detaild as provost guard at Brigade headquarters
and so Direct Headquarters 1 Brig 2 Div. & H. Q.

Bacuda

May 24 _____ Kentucky

Dear mother I have got a chance to write to you once more I suppose that you think that I have forgot you but I have not for we have had a very long march we have marched over 200 miles since I wrote ^{to} you and we had know chance to write I wrote a letter to you while we was on the march but I lose it we arived in Cape Gerods ^[GIRAZDEA, MD] on the ^[MISSISSIPPI] river there on the 21 and I received a letter there from you and I was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you got that money when I received the other letter I thought that you had not got the money because the letter you answered a wrote only 2 days before and that was the letter that Elizabeth wrote and I answered it I cant tell weather I shall have a chance to write to you again for we are on the Tenesee River and is bound for the pitsburge landing at corinth and they say that they started a fighting this morning and it will take us about 2 days longer before we get there but dont fret about me for fear that I will be killed for I dont expect to be killed there for I think that it will be over before we get there and if not I dont think that I shall be killed so now dont fret for I think that this battel will ~~be~~ settel it and then I shall soon be home and I dont care how soon for this life / his a very hard one and the soner it his over the better for it

his the ruination of any young man the way we
have marched around but I think that now we have
got on the river we will have so much hard marching
and I think that this battle will shurley whinde
it up I have ^{I AM} ^{SERIOUS} to think that we have got to
go from our devision after we have run around all
over Missouri and ^{ARKANSAS} and we have drive the
enemies from our devision but still if we are needed
I ham willing to go and do what I can and I
hope and to the Lord that he will take me through
the battle safe and I hope that I may get safe
home again I had a dream last night and I
dreampt that we was marching through the town
and I ask aman what the name of this town
and they told me that it was Rockford and afer
we camped I went down town and then I come
home and I seen you all and I thought that
we had to leave the next morning and I
hated to leave but I thought that I bid you all
good by and left with good spirits I ham quite
well and in good spirit and I hope that you are
the same and all the rest I will waite to
clothes my writing now we are now a going up
the ~~Pon~~ esee river and we think that it will
take 2 days before we get to Pittsburg landing
and I hope that I can be able to get
home again now dear mother dont fret about
me for I han'te afaraid that I shall be

shot and so dont you be afraid and I
hope and trust that these few lines will
find you whell and Elizabeth and George
and Mary Ann and Louisa and Charles and
_____ and all other inquiring friends I
still remain your affectionate son
William Hart

Direct General Ashbutts division
LAPE GIRARDEAU Missouri 44 Ill
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not got the money because the letter you answered
I wrote only 2 days before and that was the letter that
Elizabeth wrote and I answered it I am well weather
I shall have a chance to write to you again for
we are on the Tennessee River and is bound for
the pitsburge landing at Corinth and they say
that they started a fighting this morning and
it will take us about 2 days longer before we
get there but dont fret about me for fear
that I will be killed for I dont expect to be
killed there for I think that it will be over
before we get there and if not I dont think
that I shall be killed so now dont fret

beated will settle it
on be home and I dont
life / his a very hard one
over the better for it
young man the way we
but I think that now we
we will have so much
think that this battle
up I have sorrow to think
go from our decision after
allower Missiour and Arkansas
enemine from our decision
ceded I have willing to
an and I hope and to
ill take me through the
hope that I may was
I had a dream last night
we was marching through
mon what the name of
told me that it was
e camp I went down town
and I seen you all and
not to leave the next morning

and I hoped to leave but I thought
that I bid you all good by and left with
good spirit I am quite well and in good
spirit and I hope that you are the same
and all the rest I will haste to clothe
my writings now we are now a going up
the Jonsac river and we think that it
will take 2 days before we get to Putburye
burging and I hope that I can be able to
get home again now dears mother dont
fret about me for I have afeard that
I shall be shot and so dont you be afeard
give and I hope and trust that these few
lines will find you as well and Elizabeth
and George and Mary Ann and Louisa and
Charles and Lucy and all other ~~in your~~
friends I still remain your affectionate
son
William Hunt

Direct General Ashbuths decision

Papegerado Missiour 44 Ill.
Bridg

Tennessee May 26

Dear mother we have got payed once
more and I thought that I would send
you 15 do has I dont think that it will
be of much account to us and I hope that
these few lines will find you all whell,
I wrot a few lines to you on the _____
before we got our pay and you said that
you received the money that I sent from
spring field and I was very glad to hear
that you got it for I was afaraid that
you would not get it I ham quite whell and
in good spirit and I hope that you are
the same and all the rest and you must
escuse my poor writeing for I was in
_____ and the shake of the steamboat
makes it rather bad but I only wrote
this on account of the money and I
hope that you will get it
I still remain your affectionate son
William Hart

Tennessee March 20

Dear Mother we have got pay
once more and I thought that I
would send you 10 dollars but I think
that it will be of much account
to us and I hope that these few
lines will find you all well
I would advise you to you on the
20th of March we got your pay
and you said that you received
the money that I sent from Spring
field and I was very glad to
hear that you got it for I was
afraid that you would not get
it I am quite well and in good
spirit and I hope that you are the
same and all the rest and you
must excuse my poor writing
for I was in a hurry and the shake
of the steamboat makes it rather
bad but I only write this account
of the money and I hope that
you will get it
I still remain your affectionate
son William East

Camp Bradley Murfreesboro Tenn Jan 24

Dear Mother

I now take up my pen in hand to write a few lines to you and I hope that they whill find you quite whell and in good spirit for that is the way that it leaves me at pressant and I hope and I trust that it whill find you the same I have just come off of picket guard this morning and so I could not send this money quite so soon has I thought that I could but it was not my fault and so you must excuse me and I hope that you whill excuse it and I think that it whill do you some good for that his moor than you ever got before together from me: we got four months pay and so that his the reason that I can send you so much this

_____ Mr. Miller that lives near you was here to see me and he says that his wife draws the County still and so I dont see how it his that you dont get it I have not heard from you since you whent to _____ but I had one from George I rote a letter to Lizzy but I have not received my answer and I whill have to bring my letter to a close and I hope that these few lines whill find you quite whell and all of the rest and give my respects to all enquiring friends

and please answer this as quick as possible
so that I will know whether you got it and
I still remain your loving son William Hart

Direct Camp Bradley
Murfreesboro Tenn
44 Ill Ridg. Vol Co. I. G
Gen Sheridans Division
Capt. L. — Sabin

the amount of money
his 44 dol 4 tens and 4 ones

Camp, Bradley, ^{St. Louis} Chicago, Feb. 24
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be as well as I can

that had more than we
ever got before together
from me. we got four
months pay and so that
his the reason that
I can send you so much
this time. Mr. Miller the
lives near you was here to
see me and he says that
his wife draws the bounty
still and so I don't see
how it his that you
don't get it I have not
heard from you since
you went to Galena
but I had one from George
I rec'd a letter to Beatty
but I have not received
any answer and I will
have to bring my letter
to a store and hope
that these few lines
will find you quite

well and all my con-
sent and give my respects
to all inquiring friends
and please answer this
has quick has posebol
so that I will know
whether you got it and
I still remain your
loving. Son. William. Hart

Direct. Camp. Bradley
Newport Tenn
440 Mc. Ridge. Co. E. G.
Gen Sheridan's Division
Cap. L. M. Gable

the amount of money
his 44 dol. 24. tens and 4 fives.

Murfreesboro Jan 30 1868

Dear Mother

I have taken the pen in hand to rite ^{to} you once more and I hope that they will find you quite well and in good spirits for that his the way that it leaves me at preasant I received a letter from George yesterday and he was quite well and all of the rest and they said that you had been there and I hope that you injoid your visit and I would like if I could have been with you all but it his out of the question but I still think that we will all meet together again but it whill be some time first but half of my time his over now and I think that it his the hardest half for there his only one more winter for this winter his over here the frogs and birds his a singing here now and it sounds like spring we have had some bad weather lately it has been raining for two or three days and it has been a snowing a little for two days but it has cleared off now and I think that we whill have some nice weather now we was to work yesterday on a fourt at Murfs we are a fourtifying it very strong now we are a puting a big fourt up around the City and there is know signs of no mooving from here soon we have a good deal of duty to do here with the guard and fouriging

and all other dutys and there his know signs
of any moor fighting for us here once in a
while they charge on our fouriging trains with
there cavelry and burn some wagons but it
his only some of there gorils I whill have
to bring my letter to a close I have wrote a
letter to George and one to Louisa but I dont
know hardley weather she whill get it for I
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I am quite whell and in good spirits and I
hope that you are the same write has often
has you can and give my respects to all
inquiring friends and I still remain your
affectionate son

William Hart

Direct 44 III R. C. G.

Gen Sheridans deusion Murfreesboro

— Capt. — Sabin Tenn

THE REST OF THE BRAVE.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod."

"By fancy hands their knoll is rung;
By farms unson their dirge is sung;
Thro' Homer's courts, a pilgrim gone,
To deck the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair,
To dwell, a weeping strain, thro' there."

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Churchoverton Jan 20 1858

Dear Mother

I have taken the train in
hand to ride to you one
more and I hope that
they will find you quite
well and in good spirits
for that is the way that it
leaves me at present I received
a letter from George yesterday
and he was quite well and
all of the rest and they said
that you had been there and
I hope that you enjoyed your
visit and I would like to
I could have been with you
all but it is out of
the question but still

there is no doubt I will have
to leave my letter to a clerk
I have wrote a letter to George
and one to Louisa but
I don't know how they
weathered the winter yet I
for I don't know how the
doctor but I will write
one I am quite well
and in good spirits and
I hope that you will be
quite as often as you can
and give my respects to all
my dear friends and I
still remain your affectionate
son William West

I rest as the Lord is

Dear Mother and sister Mary
and all the folks

think that we will all
meet to gather again but
it will be some time first
but half of my time his
over now and I think that
it his the hardest half for
there his only one moore
winter for this winter his
over here the frogs and
birds his a singing here
now and it winter like
spring we have had
some bad weather lately
it has been raining for two
or three days and it had been
a snowing a little for two
days but it has cleared off
now and I think that
we will have some nice

weather now we was to work
yesterday on a fort at Abasco
we are a fortifying it
very strong now we are a
fortifying a big fort up
around the city and there
his know signs of us moving
from here soon we have
a good deal of duty to
do here with the guard
and fortifying and all
other duties and there
his know signs of
any moor fighting for
us here once in a while
they chase our fortifying
trains with there cavalry
and burn some wagons
but it his only some of

Line of battle
Atlanta
Aug 8

Dear Father

I take my pen in hand to answer your kind letter that I received today I was very glad to hear that you was quite well but I am sorry that your crops failed so this season but I hope that you will do _____ better next season to make it up but I guess that you did not have much crops in this summer and it was a good has they have failed so you spoke about my discharge papers and I am shure that you done as well has you could with them but I thought that you would not want to be bothered with it as you was so far from Rockford and has John was right there it would be better to let him have it than to put you to the bother of it and I got another paper and sent it to John so that he can get the money all right so you need not be afaraid of thing being wrong on your behalf I will tell you all I can of our prosion — we are in plain right of Atlanta — and we have them all most surrounded we are so near around them that we

can hear the musketry from one flank
to the other and our position is on the
extremest left wing I hope these few lines
will find you quite well from Wm. Hart

Kind of cattle
I thought
I had 8 1/2

I or I think

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letter that I received
I was very glad to hear that
you was quite well ~~and~~
but I am sorry that your
crops failed so this season but
I hope that you will so cannot
never next season to make ^{the}
it up but I guess that you
did not have much crop in
this summer and it was
a good thing that they have
failed so you spoke about my
discharge paper and I am
sorry that you done as
well as you could with
them but I thought that
you would not be want

it is better with it as
you was so far from Kobb⁴
and has John was right
there it would be better to
let him have it than to
put you to the bother of
it and I got another paper
and sent it to John so
that he can get the money
all right so you need not
be afraid of thing being
wrong on your behalf.

I will tell you all I can of
our position to we are in
plain sight of Atlanta ¹⁰⁷
and we have them all most
surrounded we are so near around
them that we can hear the
musketry from one flank to
the other and our position is
on the extreme left wing.
I hope these few lines will find
you quite as well from Wm. Hart

Atlanta Camp Sep 22
Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to write to you once more hoping these few lines will find you quite well and in good spirits for that is the way it leaves me quite well we have a very good time now we have got in camp it seems like getting home to get in to camp once more after being on the move so long I received a letter a few days ago from Louisa and they was all well and she said that George had inlisted and I would like to know what Rigt. if you know tell me in the first letter you write if you please I hope if he has inlisted that he will have as good luck has I have had in the great battles but I hope he has not inlisted for over one year and I hope he has took my advice about inlisting if he has he will have a better time than I have had if he has inlisted in the Army or heavy-artillery for that is so much eayser time than I have had but I think that the war will soon be over after election I hope so anyway for it is time the news his here that they are a trashing the rebels very bad in Via, Gen Sheridan his trashing them very bad and I am very glad of that

we gained a very great victory over them when we took Atlanta from them for it is one of their best holds there is 3 railroads runs in to it and so you can tell that it is an important place for them and they had large arsenals there and factories and other important things that made it a very important place but they had to get out of it and I think that it made know diferance who gets elected they will soon be peace if Lincon or Mr D. gets it peace will soon be made but the quicker it is done the beter it will suit me, if I had not inlisted again I would been on my road home now but if peace is made I will not be sorry for it for I can make more than I could home but still I should like to have come home with them for I wanted to inlist after I got home I could get as much bounty for one year as I get now for 3 but I hope and trust that it is all for the better and I hope and trust that I shall be permitted to return home to see you once more and that George may do the same Dear Mother I hope these few lines will find you and the Old Gentlemen both quite well and in good

spirits and give my respects to Elizabeth
and John when you see them and give my
love to Mary Ann and tell her that she
must write to me if she will be so kind
and give my best respects to all inquiring
friends please write as often as you can
and tell the old Gentleman that I would
be very glad to have him write to me
and I still remain your ever loveing

Son
William Hart
direct as before

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respects to all inquiring friends
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and tell the Old Gentleman
that I wish to very glad to have
him write to me and still
remain your ever loving
Son William. East
closed as before

Manchester Camp Dec 22

Dear Mother

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write to you once more hoping
these few lines will find you
quite well and in good spirits
for that is the way it leaves
me quite well we have a very
good time now we have got in
camp it was like getting home
to get in to camp once more
after being on the move so
long I received a letter a few
days ago from Louisa and
they was all well and she
said that George had insisted
and I would like to know what
Right if you know tell me in
the first letter you write if
you please I hope if he does
intend that he will have us

good luck has I have had in
the great battles but I hope
he has not intisted for over
one year and I hope he has
took my advice about intisting
if he has he will have a better
time than I have had if he
has intisted in the Army or
heavy artillery for that is so
much easier time than I have
had but I think that the war
will soon be over after election
I hope so anyway for it is time
the news is here that they are
a beating the rebels very bad in
Va) Gen) Sheridan has destroy
them very bad and I am very
glad of that we saved a very great
vicary over them when we had
I don't know them for it is
one of their best words there
is I think some in it and
so you can tell that it is an

important place for them
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important things that made it
a very important place but they had
to get out of it and I think that
it makes some difference who
gets elected they will soon be peace
if Lincoln or Mc. S. gets
it peace will soon be made but
the quicker it is done the better it
will suit me if I had not intisted
again I would been an my
road home now but if peace is
made I will not be sorry for
it for I can make more than
I could have but still I should
like to have come home with
them for if I wanted I think
after I got home I could get
as much bounty for one year
as I get now for 3 but I hope

Feb 20

Dear mother

I take the pen in my hand to write you a few lines hoping they will find you quite well and in good spirit and good ealth and all the rest I ham in the ospital yet but I ham allmost well I have some pain in my side yet wen I coff the ridgement is they say in _____ about 10 miles beyond springfield and they are after price and sergal and Jim lane is trying to get around him sergal is on one side of him and jim lane is on the other side and they have got a good deal of is train of provisions and they have got a good lot of is men prisensors and I hered that they have taken 10 or 12 of is guns and I ham in hopes they will catch him but he such a coard that he runs so fast that he makes our men travel faster then they have been uste to marchind but I think they will catch him before they leave him he was in springfield wen they first started toward him and they got within about 10 miles and he heard that we was a combing and he hut off in the night @ and 2 or 3000 bushels of corn and weat is he could take it away with him and

that helpt us very much I would like to have went with them but I could not go and so they have got so far that I dont think that I shant see the ridgement again for some time for they have got so far that if i was able to start now it would take one some time before I could catch up with them but I shant leave the outfit until I get quite well and able to stand to march I wish that this war business was wound up and I could get home again I heard that they have had some harde battels in Kentucky and they have gained some good victrys and I wish that they could gain more I think that a few such battels would soon wind up the south and I dont care how soon they do it for I ham a getting ~~sueh~~ sick of this cind of a life I supose that Louisa is now and I would like to be there to see her but I cant be there but if she is home I give my respects to her and I hope she is well and in good spirit I ournt think of much more to say now but I hope that these few lines will find you all well we got paid off the other day and I would like to send you 10 dol but we are in such a wildness that I hate to resks it I cant think of much

more to say now but give my respects
to all inquiring friends

I still remain your affectionate son

William Hart

Mrs Thomas Hart

Direct Kedanon
Missioura

now and I would like to be
there to see her but I can't be
there but if she is home I give
my respects to her and I hope she
is well and I'm good spirit
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I still remain your affectionate
son
William Hart

Mrs Thomas Hart

Direct - Sedonon
Missouri



Mumford & Co. Clarendon

Gen. Nathaniel Lyon.

Feb 20
Dear mother I
take the pen in
my hand to
write you a few
lines hoping they
will find you quite well and
in good spirit and good health
and all the rest - I am in the
hospital yet but I am all most
well I have some pain in my
side yet wen I coff the
ridgment is they say in arcans
about 10 miles beyond Springfield
and they are after price and
segal and Jim Lane is trying
to get around him segal is
on one side of him and Jim Lane
is on the other side and they
have got a good deal of is

train of provisions and they have
got a good lot of is men prisoners
and I heard that they have
taken 10 or 12 of is guns and I hope
I hope they will catch him
but he such a coward that he
runs so fast that he makes our
men travel faster than they
have been use to marchin but
I think they will catch him before
they leave him he was in springfield
when they first started toward him
and they got within about 10 miles
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see the ridgement again for
some time for they have got
so far that if i was able to start
now it would take me some
time before I could catch up with
them but I shant leave the ospital
untill I get quite well and
able to stand to march I wish
that this war business was wound
up and I could get home again
I heard that they have had some
hard battels in Kentucky
and they have gaind some good
victrys and I wish that they
could gain more I think that
a few such battels would soon
wind up the south and I dont
care how soon they do it for I
ham a getting sick of this kind
of a life I suppose that Louisa is



Lebanon Me
July 21

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Mrs Thomas Hart
Blackford
Winnebago Co Wis
Care of Thomas Smith

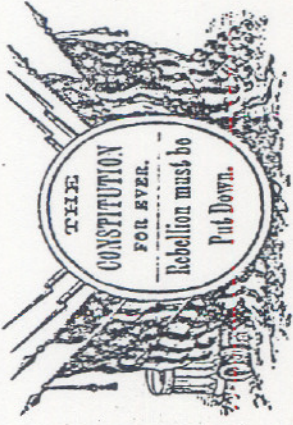
Mrs Thomas Hart

Dear mother i write you a few lines
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that you did not git it and if you get this
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and send me word how George is and Elizabeth
is and Mary ann is and Louisa and Charles
is and if Louisa is come home she must write
to me i was over to John ——— one day
and i found them all well and John and
Thomas Eggin was down to the barricks
with me and they were all glad to see
me and wanted me to come again but it
is very seldom that i can get out of the
barricks any further than the lakes but
i am down there every day in a swimming
——— we are lots of fun and i like it well
and i hope you be the same we have good groob
pleanty of good bread and meat and potatoes
and coffee and tea and we drill about 5 ours a
day and i feel first rate and i give my respects
to all the nabors we dont know wen we will leave
which there is no sines of it yet so i cant tell wen
but write as quick as you can I remain your son

Direct Camp Ellsworth

William Hart ^{Chick}
_{Chickago}

Northwest Rifel Company G
Chickaso William Hart



Mrs Thomas Hart

Dear mother I write you a few lines hoping they will find you quite well and in good spirit I expected a letter for I wrote a letter last week and I thought that you did not get it and if you get this you please to write as quick as you can and send me word how George is and Elizabeth is and all the family is and Louisa and Charles is and if Louisa as come home she ~~come~~ must write to me as I was over to John & George's one day and I found them all well and John and Thomas Eggin is down to the barracks with me and they were I will glad to see me and wanted me to come again but it is very



W. B. KEAR, Stationer, 146 Lake St., Chicago.

Mrs Thomas Hart
Rockford Winnebago
Ill. County
Care of Thomas
Smith

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as you can ^{of} remain your son
William Hart Chicago

Direct to ~~Camp Ellsworth~~
North-west Regt Regiment
Carnal

Direct Camp Ellsworth
North-west Regt Company E
Chicago William Hart

Dear Mother 26

I write a few lines to you hoping they find you quite well and in good health i write ~~you~~ a few to you last week but i could not get time to write much for we ad not got our things fixed in the new camp and the captin ad so much to do that he could not write as you wanted him to doo and he said he would write when he ad time and then on saturday we got orders to march to Jevson sity and then wen we got to Jevson we then got orders to go on to [LEBANON?] sity were they have been a fighting and there is a great many troops a going in to _____ they intend to send troops anough to take it back and i expect to have a harde battle there before we can take it back but we must have it back they think that there is about 15 or 2000 rebels there and before we comence we will have about 40 or 5000 solgiers ready for the field we have got 5 shooter rifel wen we went to the [SAINT LOUIS] Lewis [ARSENAL] it smal to draw our rifels they was a going to give us muskets and we would not take them so they put us under an erest till monday afternoon and we got on to a steamboat and it took us till thirsty night before we

got to Jefferson I cant think of much
more to write but give my respects to
Louisa and Elizabeth and George and Mary
ann and Charles and tell him to write to me
and give my respects to all inquiring friends
write as quick as you can make it convenient

I remain your son

William Hart

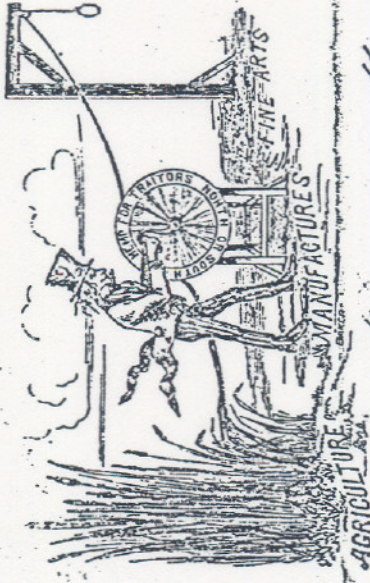
Mrs Thomas Hart

Direct to Nor West

Rifels

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Dear Mother

I write you to let you know
they find you will well and
in good health. I hope you a
few to you last week but I could
not get time to write more for we
ad not got our things fixed in our
new camp and we expect ad so much
to do that the doctor will write as you
wanted him to do and he said he will
write when he ad time and then on
sunday we got orders to march to
Person City and then even we got
to Person we then got orders to go on
to Greenbolen City were they first

Mrs Thomas Hart
Rockford, Wm. Va.
County, N.C.
Care of Thomas Smith



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must have it back they think
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arrest till monday after noon
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and it took us till thursday night
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think of much more to write

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George and Mary Ann and Charles
and tell him to write to me
and give my respects to all
inquirings friends write as
quick as you can mark it
convenient

I remain your sees
William Ford

Edw Thomas Hart

Direct to Mr West
Rifles
Jefferson City

Missouri

Jan 17

Dear brother

I recieved your letter the 17 and I was very glad to get it as I had not heard from you all the time since you inlisted and now you have got home you must be a good boy to your dear mother and be a good boy at school and _____

and do not run around town with the boys to much but be good boy to your mother and wen it coms spring you try and get another good place and be a good boy and dont think about being a solgier for it is a harde life and I think that the war will soon be setteld and then we will be all glad to get back to home for wen you haft to march 20 or 30 miles a day _____

_____ hard _____ a day and then haft to go on guard or if you did not haft to go on guard you would haft to sleep on the bair ground and then you would have to get up in the morning and yet a hard cracker and a bit of raw pork and start off in the morning and then travel all day and take my advice if you know wen you are well off you stay were you are free and well off for the solgiers life is like a hog's life you cant tell wat time you may be called out and

then you fight to take down your tents
and and load them and then start off
now take my advice and dont let any one
coaks you away I wrote a letter to mother
the 14th saying that we was agoing to start
to spring field again the next morning but the
Doctor reported that we was not abel to
march and so we did not go I have wrote
two letters to Louisa but I have not received
no answer I think that I ——— direct
right give my respects to all other and
Elizabeth and Mary Ann and all enquiring
friends

I remain your Dear Brother
William Hart



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them and then start off
now take my advice and about
let any one coaks you away
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Louisa but I have not received
no answer ~~and I think that she has~~
directly give my respects to
mother and Breckin and Elery
and ask all I amquiring friends
I am your Dear brother
William West

Jan 17th

Dear brother

Received your letter the
17th and I was very glad
to get it as I had not
heard from you all the
time since you in listed
and now you have got
home you must be a
good boy to your
mother and to your
boy at school and to
and do not run
around town with
the boys to much
and be good

to your mother and you, would like to
when it comes spring you sleep on the bare ground
they would get another and then you would
good place and be a have to get up in the
poor boy and don't think morning and get a hard
about being a soldier creacher and a bit of now
for it is a hard life portk and start soft
and I think that the in the morning and
war will soon be them travel all day
settled and then we will and take my advice
be all right to get if you do know even you
back to home for now are well off you stay
now ought to march were you are free man
so can't miles a step an ~~more~~ for the soldiers
and a hard march a day life is like a dog's life
and then left to go on you can't tell and time
guard or if you did you may be cold and
not left to go on guard then you'd like to take down

Dear Mother

I rite you a few lines hoping that thay may find you quite well and in good spirit and dont fret about me for i am quite well and in firstrate spirit and i like it firstrate and our company full but there is none of the others companys quite full but we all expect to be full soon and there is quite a lot of boys in my company that i am a quainted with for one is George Willmerd and mother dont fret about me i dont know how long it will be before we will go away from chickago we have not got our unayform yet but we expect to get it this weak and i cant think of any thing else to rite about now i am quite well give my respects to George Mary ann Elizabeth and Louisa and Charly and all other enquiring friends and — Louisa is — me tell her to write to me Dear Mother write as much as you can

And I Remain Your Dear
William Hart

Chickago
Direct Camp Ellaworth
— Captain Sabin

Rigment Company G
William Hart



Dear Mother

I write you a few lines hoping
that they may find you quite
well and in good spirit and
dont fret about me for i am
quite well and in fine
spirit and i like it here and

our company full but there is none
of the others companies quite full
but we all expect to be full soon
and there is quite a lot of boys

in my company that i am
guaranteed with for one is George
Millment and mother dont fret
about me i dont know how long it
will be before we will go away
from Chicago we have not got

are many form yet but we
expect to get it this week and i
cant think of any thing else to
rite about now i am quite well
give my respects to George Elbar and
Elizabeth and Louisa and Edward
and all other inquiring friends
and if you can ~~write me~~
her to write to me Dear Mother
write as quick as you can

and I remain Your Dear

William Hart

Chicago

Direct Camp Elsworth

near Captain Sabers

North Western Rifle
Regiment Company J

William Hart

William Hart
North Western Rifle Regt
Company J
Chicago
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In line of battle
front of Atlanta
— Aug 8th

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to answer your kind letter that this afternoon and I was so glad to hear from you for it is so long since I had a letter from you but I got a letter Elizabeth last night and one from George and they said that you was well on the 4 of July and George said that he had been rather sick for 20 or 30 days and I was very sorry of that but I hope he will soon be quite well again I received a letter from Louisa about a week ago and they was quite well and Charles has gone on a visit to his Brother and Louisa sent me ——— likeness and it his the most maternal picture I ever see of the little duck well Mother you think that we have had very hard time and some very hard fighting and you may depend that we have but we have all ways had enough to eat and that is the main thing but we have done some severe fighting but we have not had so very hard marching for the rebels has halted us by dark so we couldnt get more than 10 miles a day and some time not that but we have it pretty easy now but we are a fighting

on some part of the times our lines his about
13 from Atlanta and we are in plain sight of
the city but they have got very strong works and
large forts and a great many very large guns
but if we could have about 50,000 reinforcements
we could take them all prisoners we are almost
all around them now we are so near around them
that we can hear the musketry from one flank
to the other quite plain and so you may judge
for your self how much we lack of being around
them at the furthest it is not more than 2
miles and 50,000 more would close that for there
would be some very hard fighting to close that for
they would put there whole force there before
they would be _____ And I think that
General Sherman will stay till he gets more
they can never drive us from where we are our
core holds the extreme left wing well dear
Mother I must bring this to a close and I
hope and trust that these few lines will find you
quite well _____ and I hope you will keep up good
spirits please write as often as you can and I will
do the same and I still remain your loving son
William Hart

Direct the same

to show that I'd be glad
to see you whole people there
I hope they would be
satisfied and I think
that you had better
stay till the job was done
and never stir us from what
we are our side. Today the other
left wing was done with
I must bring this to close

except to the end that
there few lines will find
you quite well and
I hope you will keep up your
spirits please write as often
as you can and I will
be sure and still remain
your loving Son

William that
I love to the same

A true & well
Friend of Atlanta
Feb 25th

Dear Mother

Thank you for the
to answer your kind letter that
this afternoon and I am so glad
to hear from you for it is so
long since I had a letter from
you but I hope to hear from
Elizabeth that night and will
send George and they said
that you were well and the
to get fully and George said
that he had been rather
sick for over 30 days and I
was very sorry of that but
I hope he will soon be quite
well again I received a
letter from Benjamin at last
a week ago and they were

quite well and Charles
has gone on a visit to his
Brother and Louisa sent
me Guleys likeness and it
is the most natural picture
I ever see, of the little duck
well whether you think that
we have had very hard time
and some very hard fighting
and you may depend that
we have but we have all
~~ways had enough to eat~~
and that is the main thing
but we have done some
severe fighting but we have
not had so very hard marching
for the rebels has halted us
by dark so we couldn't
get more than 10 miles
a day and some times not
that but we have it pretty
easy now but we are a fighting
on some part of the lines

one line is about 1/2 from
Atlanta and we are in
plain sight of the city but
they have got very strong
works and large forts and
a great many very large
guns but if we could have
about 50,000 reinforcements
we could take them all
prisoners we are almost
all around them now we
are so near around them
that we can hear the
musketry from one flank
to the other quite plain
and so you may judge
for your self how far much
we talk of being around
them at the further it
is not more than 2 miles
and 50,000 more would close
that up for there would
be some very hard fighting

Camp Near Huntsville Ala

Feb 4

Dear Mother,

I take my pen in hand to answer your kind letter that I received this morning dated Jan 27th I was very glad to hear you was all well and in good spirits for that is the way it leaves me I received the letter from Mary Ann you spoke about and I answered it the same day and I think you must have got it before this time and she wanted me to send her a lock of my hair and I done so but I could not get get much but I guess there will be enough but if not she must say so in the next letter and I will send some more but it is so short and thin but if there is ~~not when you direct dont put on the Regt~~ not enough I will send some more it surprised me to get a letter from her as she never wrote to me before but I hope she will write to me as often as she can and I will answer them all that she will write and I will be very glad to hear from her as often she can get the time to write I received a letter from Louisa a few days ago and they was all quite well and in good spirits and they say that if I live and I be well they think that I shall be home before a year that the war will be over but I am afraid they are mistaken but I hope not but I think my self

that the war is very near over there is all signs of it but still I am afraid there is know such good luck but I hope and trust that I have seen my last fighting and I think that I have but I have thought so many times that I am afraid it will not be so but I can assure you that nothing would please me more than to hear of peace and me to be a free man once more but if I have to stay my time out it will be a long time very near 2 years but that time will soon pass away I hope you said that you had been to Elizabeths you and Mary Ann and that you had to walk that is to much for you and you ought not to do so for it will make you sick for that is to much for you now for you are a geting to old for such now Louisa said that you had been talking of comeing to see her but you could not get any money but as soon as I get paid I will send you some and Mary Ann the same so that if you want to go you can and Louisa said that she would come to see you in the spring and that she thought that you was not very comfetabal with the old Man and that if you was not she would not let you stay with him but I hope you are quite comfetabal let me know if you please and if are not I will do all I can for you and tell me if who his a liveing in my house and what

pent you get and make use of it when you get it

I have not heard from George for some but
he was quite well there I must bring this to
a close with my best wishes to you and Mary
Ann and Elizabeth an John and George and
Louisa and the rest of them when you write
to them my best respects to the Old man and
all other inquiring friends from your true son
Wm Hart

Direct Huntsville Ala
 Headquarters 1st
 Brig 2 Div 4 Ala

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I wish and that you had
been sitting at evening to see her
for you could not get any more
but as soon as I get home I will write
you some and oblige you the more
so that if you cannot do so you can
and I wish and that she would come
to see you in the spring and that she should
that you was not very comfortable with
Catherine and that if you were not she
would not let you stay with them but
I hope you are quite comfortable & let not
me know if you please and let
me not dwell at all I can get you
me tell me if you had returned in
my time and what you did you did
and make me of it when you get it
I have not heard from George for
some but he was quite well I don't
know of him this I do not wish
to see him and oblige you
and Elizabeth and John and George
and I wish and the best of them
you write to them my best respects & the
Wilmans and all their inquiring friends
from your true son
John, (Dad), I wish I could
see you & your family
I wish I could see you & your family

3
Dear (Dad),
I take my pen in hand
to answer your kind letter that
I received this morning dated
Jan 21st I was very glad I hear
you was all well and in good
spirits for that is the way of leaves
me I received the letter from
Mary when you spoke about and
I am sorry if the same day and
I think you will have got it
before this time and she wanted
me to send her a coat of my hair
and I don't know but I could not get
get much but I guess there will be
enough but if not she must say
or in the next letter and I will
send some more but it is so short
that and then but if there is not

when you don't don't put on the Bog & but which as long as you will stay, 1st of Decr
Baltimore 20 Decr 1846,
Washington (2 Decr 1846),

enough I will send some
more if I can find me I get
i - letter from her as she never
wrote to me before but I hope
she will write to me as often
as she can and I will answer
them, as I think she will write
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be well they think that I shall
be home before a year that the
times will be over but I am
afraid they are mistaken but
I hope not but I think my
so I think the world is very near
over there is all signs of it
but still I am afraid there

is I know much good but
but I hope and but that
I have seen my last day
and I think that I have
I have thought as you
things that I am afraid
will not be so but I can
cohere you had nothing would
please me worse than I have
of years and me I do not
mean once more but of I have
to stay my time and it will
be long time very near a year
but that time will soon pass
away I hope you will that you
had seen I hope that you
I hope you will that you will
I wish that it will pass you
and you ought not to do it for
it will make you sick for that
in I am much for you now that you
are getting it all for me

February 16

Dear Mother

I have taken the pen in my hand once more to write you a few lines more and I hope they will find you quite well and in good spirit I can't say that I ~~am~~ am well for wen we marched from Roaly I had bad cold and it snowd all the first day and we had to ~~sleep~~ sleep on brush that we ust to cut as soon as we would get into camp and we was 6 days marching from Roaly to Lebanon and three ridgement stayed here 8 days and then sick started for Springfield I was taken ~~sick~~ sick the first night we got in to lebanon and wen the ridgement I left I went in to the ospital and I ham here yet and I think that I that I shal stay til the ridgement gets back I think that they will have a fight before they get back with price and I hope they will ^{with} and I wish that I was able to be ~~with~~ with them and help them fight it out but I ham gitting better sloly the cold seteld on my long's the doctor says that I hay got ~~influmation~~ influmation on the longues and I think that wen the ridgement gets back I shal try to get my I discharge and comb home I carnt think of much

more to say now but I hope these few
lines will find you all well and in good
spirit write as quick as you can

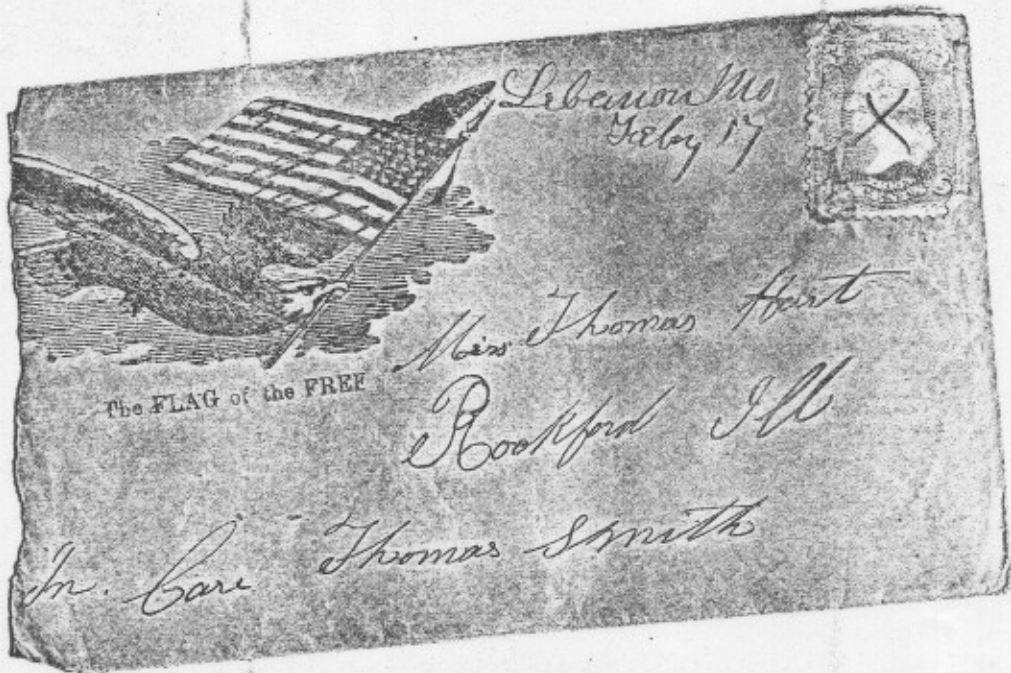
I remain your ~~afecnate~~ Son William

Direct
Lebanon
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Feb 16

Dear mother I have taken the pen in
in my hand (once more to write
you a few lines once more and I
hope they will find you quite well
and in good spirit I cant say that
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to sleep on brush that we cut to
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camp and we was 6 days marching
from Booby to Good Lebanon and
the ridgement stoyd here 8 days and
then started for springfield I was
taken sick the first night we
got in to Lebanon and wen
the ridgement I left I went
in to the ospital and I have
here yet and I think that I



that I shal stay till
the ridgement gets back I
think that they will have
a fight before they get back
with pride and I hope they will
and I wish that i was able
to be with them and help
them fight it out but I have
gitting better sloby the cold
setled on my lungs the doctor
says that I have got inflammation
on the longues and I think
that wem the ridgement gets
back I shal try to get my
I discharge and come home I
cant think of much more to
say now but I hope these few
lines will find you all well
and in good spirit write
as quick as you can

I remain your afecmate Son
William
Hart

Mrs Thomas Hart

Direct

Lebanon

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Head Quarters — Brig
Huntsville, Ala
March 2nd 11

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you once more hoping they will find you and Mary Ann both quite well and the Old man for that is the way it leaves me it is so long since I have heard from you that I thought that I must write to you once more I have been awateing for some time expecting to get a letter from you or Mary Ann but as I get known ^(none) I thought that I would wrateh off a few lines to you to see if there was any thing wrong but I hope not for you will soon be very buisey now it is very near spring now it is very near one year since I was there and it does not seem that long to me but it is one year ago. I was in Chickago and I would like to be there again but I dont think that I shall see it again till I am free from the army and that is 22 month but that is not long to look back and I guess that I shall not inlist again I think that when I serve this term out it will be enough for me I think it ought to be dont you but I dont think that we will have peace before that time and if peace is not made fit before my time is out

I dont care how long it keeps up after I am
out of the army and that time will soon
—— over I think and I think that the most
of our fighting is over in this department and
as long as I am here I know that my fighting
is over and I am not sorry of that weather
you may let and I know that you are not sorry
for I know that you are in dread to hear of
a battle when you know that we have been in it
but I have had ^(extra) estray luck as many battles
that I have been through and not to get a
mark from any of them I think that I shall
get out of this army all right and safe quite
safe and sound and get home all right and
I hope that I shall see you all well as you
when I was there one year ago it is some
time since I have heard from Louisa but I
hope they are all well and it is a long time
since I have heard from — Elizabeth but
I hope they are all well and I must bring
this to a close give my respects to the Old
Gentleman and all other inquiring friends
and you and Mary Ann must write as often as
you can if you please and I still remain
your loveing son

Wm Hart

Direct Head Qut 1st Brig
2nd Div 4th AI
Huntsville, Ala

when I was there a year
ago it is some time since
I have heard from Louisa
but I hope they are all well
and it is a long time since
I have heard from the
Chyebuth but I hope they are
all well and I must bring
this to a close give my respects
to the Old Gentleman and
all other inquiring friends
and you and when I can I must
write as often as you can if you
please and I will remain
your loving son

Yours truly,
Wm. Clark,

Direct, Grand, Aug 17th 1851

2nd Div

4th Div
Fort Sumterville, Ala

By
Grand, Grand, Aug 17th 1851
Fort Sumterville, Ala

March 2nd

Dear F. C. Mother

I take my pen in hand
to write a few lines to you
once more to let you know they will
find you and I hope you both
quite well and the Old man
for that is the way it leaves
me it is so long since
I have heard from you that
I thought that I must write to
you once more I have been
awaiting for some time expecting
to get a letter from you. I
I hope you but as I do know
I thought that I would scratch
off a few lines to you I see
if there was any thing wrong
but I hope not for you will

soon be very busy now
it is very near spring now
it is very near one year since
I was there and it does not seem
that long to me but it is
one year ago. I was in Chicago
and would like to be there
again but I don't think that
I shall see it again till

I am free from this army
and that is 22 months but
that is not long. I took back
and I guess that Cobalt not
sinted again I think that when
I serve this term out it will
be enough for me I think it
ought to be don't you but I don't
think that we will have peace
before that time and if peace
is not made yet before my
time is out I don't care how
long it keeps me after

I am out of the army
and that time will soon
slip over I think and
I think that the most of our
fighting is over in this department
and as long as I am here
I know that my fighting is over
and I am not wery of that
whether you may let and
I know that you are not wery
for I know that you are in
dread to hear of a battle when
you know that we have been
in it but I have had wery
much as many battles that
I have been through and not
I get a mark from any of them
I think that Cobalt get out
of this army all right and safe
quite safe and sound and get
there all right and I hope that
I shall see you all well as you

Murfreesboro Apr 12 1863

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to rite to you ~~once~~ more to try and see if you can get one letter from me for you say that you dont get any from me and I cannot tell the reason why you do not get any letters from me for I have rote six and you have not got and I have directed them the same way that I allways did and I cannot see what his the reason you dont get them I received a letter from you on the 9th and I answered it the same day and I was very sorry to hear that George his so sick it troubled me so much that it made me shed tears when I read it for I am so much afraid that he whill not get over it for I know what that his and his being wheek from the other sickns that he had before whill make him so wheek for _____ that I am afraid that he cannot get through it but I hope that he will be spard if it whill please god there his moor soldiers die with that complaint than any other way but it my make a great deal of diferance with the good care that he whill get and he may get over it and I hope and trust that he may I was so pleast when I got the letter from him stating that

you had got the money and then when I
got _____ letter from you stating that he
was so sick it made me fel so bad but
I dont know what you would have done
if it had not have been that you got it
I have been afraid 2 months again and
I whill send you 10 dol moor in a
letter if you whill send me the name of
someone that I can send it in care of
that ~~hat~~ a bose in the office I have allways
sent them in care of Mr. Thomas Smith but
they dont seem to go right whatever hit the
reason I cannot tell and so ~~so~~ I think
that it would be better if there his any
one that I ~~can~~ can send them to when
I answered your last letter I did not send
it in care of any one to see if you would
get it I _____ in _____ to see the next
letter but I hope that it whill be diferent
from what I expect it to be I would give
the wourld if I could be there but there
his know _____ and so I must stay let
it be what way it may good or bad I
cannot be there but pray mother dont trouble
yourself know moor than you can posible
help for if you do you whill be sick to
and so pray dont Dear mother and pasety
George all you can when he gets to

fretting about me for I am afraid that
he frets a great deal about me and it might
be the means of saving his life if could
be there you said that you had sent
for _____ and Louisa and so they whill
be a great help to you whill I whill
have to bring my letter to a dose and I
hope that these few lines whill find
George on the change for the better and here
his my love to you and George and Louisa
and _____ and Mary Ann and all the
inquiring friends please rite has often has
you can and I whill do the same and I
still remain your loving Son
William Hart

Direct Murfreesboro Tenn _____
Gen. _____ division Camp _____
Care Cap _____

Newfreesboro Apr 12 1853

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to write to you once more to try and see if you can get one letter from me for you say that you dont get any from me and I cannot tell the reason why you do not get any letters from me for I have wrote six ~~and~~ you have not got and I have directed them just the same way that I always did and I cannot see what his the reason you dont get them I received a letter from you on the 9th and I answered it the same day and I was very sorry to hear that George his so sick it troubled me so much that it made me shed tears when I read it for I am so much afraid that he will not get over it for I know what that his and his being weak from the other sickness that he had before will make him so weak for this that I am afraid that he cannot get through it but I hope that he will be spared if it will please god there his more soldiers die with that complaint than any other way but it may make a great deal of difference with the good care that he will get and he may get over it and I hope and trust that he may I was so pleased when I got the letter from him stating that you had got the money and then when I got the next letter from you stating that he was so sick it made me feel so bad but I dont know what you would have done if it hadnot have been that you got it I have been spoid 2 months again and I will send you 10 dollars more in a letter if you will send me the name of someone that I can send it in care of that has a

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in care of Mr Thomas Smith but they dont
seem to go - right whatever his the reason I cannot
tell and so I think that it would be better
if there his any one that I can send them to
when I answered your last letter I did not send
it in care of any one to see if you would
get it I feel in dread to see the next letter
but I hope that it will be different from
what I expect it to be I would give the world
if I could be there but there his know chance
and so I must stay let it be what way it
may right good or bad I cannot be there but
pray mother dont trouble your self know more
than you can possible get help for if you
do you ^{will} be sick to and so pray dont Dear mother
and pacify George all you can when he gets
to fretting about me for I am afraid that
he frets a great deal about me and it might
be the means of saving his life if I could
be there you said that you had sent for
Leizyze and Louisa and so they will be a
great help to you while I will have to bring
my letter to a close and I hope that these few
lines will ~~find~~ ^{find} George on the change for the
better and here his my love to you and George and
Louisa and Leizyze and Mary Ann and all these
inquiring friends please write has often has your
care and I will do the same and
I still remain your loving Son
William Hart

Direct Murfreesboro Tenn 44 The Big Box Co. G.
Gen Sheridan's Division Camp Shafter
Care Capt L. S. Sabir

In line of battle _____

June 29th

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to write to you once moor hoping they will find you quite whell and in good spirits and the Old Gentleman the same for it leaves me quite whell but we have a very hard time a fighting we are a fighting every day moor or less a few days ago we made a charge on there works and was REPULSED with very heavy loss we lost 40 men out of our rigt and 3 out of our company and George Knip was killed he was a son of older Knip he was _____ shot just above the heart but he lived about _____ hours The 14 lost is out of his regt. but there was a ^{number} ~~member~~ of taken prisoners _____ was taken prisenor with them and there was other rigts lost a great many to. the charge was awful the way the _____ and canister flew amoungst us was not slow for we had to charge front of 2 PIECES of artillery but I think that they will soon have to get out of here for we are a geting REINFORCED every day and so they will be flanked out but they have got a very strong posion and a very large army (position)

but we are bound to clean them out in course of time this is the longest campaign that we was ever on before but there is one good thing we get full rations of hard bread and pork and beef and coffee since we started on this campaign we have lost about 150 men out of our regiment and 12 out of our company but I am very happy to inform you that I have not got a mark yet it is several day since I heard from John & Louisa and I have not heard from George since I left Nashville and I do not know the reason why he does not write to me and I do not know the directions to here or I would write but a few days ago I thought that I would try and see if the same directions as _____ to be there when I worked + _____ would be right and so I ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} to him but wether he will get it or not I do not know but there is nothing lost I wrote to a young woman that lives near you a few days ago _____ Sarah Harghton one of the bogs gave me _____ adress and so it is the way with soldiers to write to young women and so I thought that I would like to correspond with some young lady and that neighborhood but weather she know you or not I do not know but I thought that she would know you and Mary Ann but wether

she will want to correspond with me I do not know but by what I hear she is a very nice girl but you must be acquainted with her well I will have to bring this to a close and I hope and trust that these few lines will find you and the Old Gentleman quite well and every thing you have around you a flourishing and give my best love to Elizabeth and John Mary Ann when you see them and George and all other inquiring friends and I still remain your loving son

William Hart

Direct Dalton Ga

44 Rigt Ill

Co G Brig 2

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when you see them and George and
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I still remain your loving son

William Hart

Direct Dalton, Conn
44 High St

Encl. 1/2
4.2.56

Line of battle Gen.

June 29. 1864

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand
to write to you once more hoping
they will find you quite well
and in good spirits and the
Old Gentleman the same for it
keeps me quite well but we have
a very hard time a fighting we
are a fighting every day more or
less a few days ago we made
a charge on their works and was
repulsed with a very heavy loss
we lost 40 men out of our regiment
& out of our company and George
Knapp was killed he was a son of
elder Knapp he was shot just
above the heart but he lived about
30 hours the 24 lost is out of his
regt. but there was a number of

have disappointed you that I have not got
in previous with most good. It is several days
since other by it to I heard from John &
to of the shops source and I have not heard
very the money and here George's voice I left
amongst me were not stable and do not know
it to change about remain why he does not visit I
of my last of ^{the} month and do not know the situation
I've have to get him or I would write but a few
days are a going a ago I thought that I would
say said or they will send me of the situation I write
to but they were got to have when I would have
and a very large school he might send us that I
I heard of them there but neither he will get
done this or the or not I do not know but
what we were over it is nothing but I would like
those in our great game women that have been
with various of kind a few days ago they's sent
I would they would prefer than one of the boys gave me
on this handsome others and so it is the way with
about 150 men out here I write I young woman and
of 12 out of one I thought that I would like to
I am very happy to spend with some young people in

Camp Stevenson Station Aug 22nd

Dear Brother and Mother

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I have received your kind letter this morning dated Aug 17th and I was very glad to hear that you have got that money that I sent for I know that it will do you good I wanted to send more but I could not and I was very glad to receive your picture I was surprise when I rec it for I did not expect it looks very natural I would know it were — I should rec it and I hope that Mary Ann will send hers to for I would be very happy to see her in a picture I have wanted a long time to to git your pictures and I have sent several times to Louisa for her to send me her picture and Charles and — but they dont send them and I think that the reason why they dont send them his that they are faraid that they will not come safe and I have sent to Elizabeth and John for them to send me thers but they dont come the young man that you see in Rockford from our company got back last night and he said that he had — you and mother and he said that you was quite well and in good spirits and I was very glad to hear from you so straight and I suppose that you was the

same I did not think that he would see you
I was surprised when he said that he had
seen you and I was very pleased for I know
that it did do you more good than a letter from
me for that would seem to come to you straighter
I have not got much news to tell you the
Army is on the move slowly but we expect
to get orders to move every day there is some
talk of our division going to Hansville Ala to
take command of the post that is about 60 miles
from here I would like to go there for it is called
the prettiest town in the southern states and of
about 10000 inhabitants I will have to bring my
letter to a close and I hope that these few lines
will find you as it leaves me quite well and in good
spirits and my love to Mother and Mary Ann and
Elizabeth and Louisa and John and Charles and
_____ and give my respects to all other
inquiring friends and I still remain your loving
Brother William Hart

Direct Stevenson Station Ala 44 Reg. Ill. Co. G.
Gen Sheridan division 2 Brig.

write as often
as you can

Camp. Stevenson. Station Aug 11th ad

Dear Brother and Sister

I take my pen in hand to inform you
that I have received your kind letter this morning
dated Aug 10th this and I was very glad to hear
that you have got that money that I sent
for. I know that it will do you good.
I wanted to send more but I could not
and I was very glad to receive your picture.
I was surpris when I see it for I did not expect
it looks very natural I would know it were
very I should see it and I hope that Mary Ann
will send hers to for I would be very happy
to see her in a picture I have wanted a long time
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to Louisa for her to send me her picture and
Charles and Leahy but they dont send them
and I think that the reason why they dont send
them is that they are afraid that they will not
come safe and I have sent to Elizabeth and
John for them I send mine others but they
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pretyest camp we ever had but we expect to get
order to move every day then his some statd
of our division going to Harsewill. etc...
to take command of the force that is about
60 miles from here I would like to go there
for it is called the pretyest town in the
southern state and of about 100,000 inhabatance
I will have to bring my letter to a close and
I hope that these few lines will find you
has it leaves me quite well and in good
spirits and my love to Elster and Mary
Ann and Elizabeth and Louisa and John
and Charles and Louley and give my respects
to all other inquiring friends and
I still remain your Loving Brother
William Hart

Direct Stevenson Station, etc. 104. Brig. 11th. Co. G.
Gen. Sheridan. division. a Brig.

with the
of ten lines
you can

Chattanooga Oct 31st
Dear Brother

and Sister

I take my pen in hand to write to you once more I write a few lines to you hoping they will find you all quite well and in good spirits for that is the way it leaves me you may think it strange that you have not heard from me for so long but I wrot a letter to you the 22nd of this month from Atlanta and I dated it the 22nd of last month but I have got to Chattanooga and the Regt is here but they expect to go towards Huntsville Ala but I will have to stay here till our mules comes before I can leave but I dont care only they expect to be paid 8 months pay and I would like to get it but if they dont leave before they get paid I shall get my money, they are a haveing a great time a chaseing ^{Hood} Hudd, he his a makeing for Huntsville Ala and they are after him heavy and I guess they will use him up if he dont look out and I guess they will and he may look in or out just as he pleases they say he has crossed the Tenn River and if he has he will never get back with many of his men I dont think. I hope not anyway but it is hard telling but he tore a good

deal of the railroad betwixt here and Atlanta
but it is all fixed again all right but there
is goriles along the road all the time when
we was a comeing to Chattannooga they tore
up the road and run us off and smashed
us all to peaces allmost and killed some
and they was some of them wounded with
shot. the rebels took about 20 priseners and
after they run us off they run along shooting
in to the cars and ordering us to serunder
but we dont do that so easy and when we
got straightened around and opened on them
they cleared out without burning the train
but done a great deal of damage the
ingine was broke all ~~the~~ to pieces and
burnd up along the road betwixt

Chattannooga and Atlanta I hope these
few lines will find you quite well and
Louisa and _____ and your fat Boy and love
know send to Matilda and tell her that
she may spect a letter from me soon and
give my best respects to all inquiring
friends and to the young female _____ this
is the last from me this time Louisa

From your loveing Brother
William Hart

Direct to Atlanta state

above accidental at Amherst
no more now that the
pieces but it is nothing of
see was and my own hope
to pieces and kind of things
the road being of ~~shadows~~
and of blank of hope. These
fair lines will find you
quite well and I doubt
not of Bailey and your
of A. J. J. and love
knows some of the little
and tell her that she may
expect a letter from me
soon and every best
respects to all my friends
and of the young people
with this is the last from
me this time. I remain
Your ever loving brother
Wm. W. W. W. W. W.
I need to thank you all

Chatham Mass Oct 21st
Dear Mother

and Charles
I hope you are well
I write to you are more
I hope you are well and in good
spirits for that is the way
it leaves me you may think
of being that you have
not heard from me for
so long but I am not at the
house the 22nd of this month
from Chatham and I expect
it the 22nd of last month
but I have not yet heard
and the 22nd of last month
they expect to be here
Somerville of the last I will
have to stay here till our

miles comes before
I can leave but about
one only they expect to
be paid 8 months pay and
I would like to get rid of
if they don't leave before
they get paid I shall get
my money they are a long
a great time a shavers,
I would be sure a marketing for
Stonerville) & the and they
are after their heavy and
I guess they will use their
up if I don't look out
and I guess they will and
I'm very look in all and
just as he pleases they say
he has earned the sum
I have and if he had de
will never get back with
many of his men I don't
think it safe most any way
but I don't want to tell

but he has agreed
deal of the railroad
retire's nose and I think
but it is all paid again
all right but there is
paid along the road all
the time when we was
a company the big outlawage
they see up the road and
I'm not off and on about as
all the pieces all most and
killed some and they are
some of them wounded with
that the rebels hope about
200 prisoners and after they
been is off they run along
checking in if the car and
asking in the prisoners but
we don't do that for any and
when we get things that
around and spend on them
they should not be here
I'm very the train but