

North Ferrisboro Vermont May the 24th - 1863
well. Hester it is with the greatest of pleasure
that I can set my self for the purpose of writing
you a few lines to inform you that I am in
better health now then have been for over three
Months feel as if I were a nother man altogether
I got a few lines from Capt Wm Storey yesterday
requesting me to cum over to thair camp this
Morning as he were going to start home at noon
to day but I cant comply with his request for I
am officer of the day today and cant leave
camp I am sorrow to think he were Mustered
out of service for imprudence whilst under the
influence of strong drink this should be a
caution to all men that is in command of
of a Company but it is not here let me
inform you wife and children if I never
shold see you again that you need have no
fears of me or that you had ever been
disgusted at that conduct and that disgust has
ben increed since I have ben in the army
Wm Storey promest me when I last saw him
that he would visit you and if he shold
treat him with respect for he is a Noble
fellow but whiskey has ben the down fall
of him and he is to be pityed for he is
a brave and noble hearted Man and I am
sorrow for him alltho he brought it on him self

we were ordered to hold our selves in readiness
to March with five days rations but we are still
in our old camp yet and there is no talk of a
Move at this time but there is no telling when
we May the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry started
out yesterday Morning and did not get far untill
they met with a strong Rebel force and had a
fight with them but were over powered and
fell back untill they were reinforced there were
several killed on both sides and quite a number
wounded on both sides our forces finally drove
them back after they had drove our men
~~within three~~ Miles of our pickets our Men took
seventy of them prisoners but they got run
of our Men they are making charges and our
men every few days but they finally loose
more then they gain I received your letter with
stamps in and were glad to get them for they are
hard to get here at all times if you wish to send
me or the boys any thing send stamps I have
plenty Money and if the boys should need any
cannot them have it so long as we are together
I were over to see you a few days past but I do not
see them so often now as their camp is near three
Miles from ours now but they will tell your
letter spoke of Marthey Making a puppy of a fat
head I assure you I would like as well to spend a few
days with you and enjoy your Sabott pasta and

good nabor Chatts as you wold with mee
but ther is no use of greiving over spilt Milk
them days is past for the present but I still hope
they will again return. if they ever should I shall
know how to value them better then I ever did before
but as they wold value those privelages I doo not regret
that I insisted in the defence of of my cuntry in the
least for if we should fail to sustain it and it should
^{fall} I shall have no desire to live. I wold far rather fall
then live under such a government. This being the mane
I wene things you must not think strange of mee
being you and my louely children and steming
all the hardships of a soldier for a desire ~~in this~~
in this world under the old Constitution and union
so long as god gives mee breath

well Hester again I set down After grand inspection
to finish my letter to you I have nothing to write
but I must close in sum shape. the boys is all well
from that part except Wm Riley he has got something
like an Absce cussing on his side that is bothering
him considerable still he is going round ther is sum
complaining in the Regt now but not much
in My Co - I have 2 in camp sick and one in
hospital. Morning report reports 56 privets for
duty in camp My total number fit for duty
is 68 - that is officers and privets this is the large
Co. in the Regt except one it has jist the same
so you can see how we have reduced since we

from Nabash Town. Now Nester's shall close
for this time hoping this May find you all
still enjoying good health and that you may keep
in good spirits for your good health and prosper,
governs my happiness greatly & assure you
Now children would like to see you all very much
but I can't yet a while but hope the time will
soon come that I shall see you and spend a few
happy moments with you & be good children
and if I ever see you I will get you all something
preley. Marthy I do not want you to kill
all your fat here for I want to crack some of
them loose yet. George if you have not
got like Mr Kress to want you to write often
but if you have any of my loyalty pray don't
write any more for I do not want any man
to write to me unless he is fully satisfied that
I am a loyal man. Tell all the nabor I want them
to write to me often and I will answer their letters
with satisfaction for there is nothing more
welcome than a letter from a friend
I Remain as ever your husband and friend

William McGinness
Capt Com. Co. No 75th Regt Ind Vol

Murfreesboro Tennessee May 24th, 1863

well Hester it is with the greatest of pleasure that I am sett myself for the purpose of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am in better health now than I have been for over three months. I feel as if I were another man altogether. I got a few lines from Capt. William Storey yesterday requesting me to come over to their camp this morning as he were going to start home at noon today but I can't comply with his request for I am officer of the day today and can't leave camp I am sorry to think he was Mustered out of service for imprudence while under the influence of strong drink This should be a caution to all men that is in command of A company but it is not here let me inform you wife and children if I never should see you again that you need to have no fears of me or that heed for I have ever been disgusted at that conduct and that disgust has been increased since I have been in the army William Storey promised me when I

last saw him that he would visit you and if he should and if I should treat him with respect for he is a brave and noble hearted man and I am sorry for him although he brought it on himself

We were ordered to hold ourselves in _____ to March with five days _____ but we are still in our old camp yet and there is no telling when we may. The 'calvary and mounted infantry stocked out yesterday morning and did not get far until they met with a strong rebel force and had a fight with them but were overpowered and fell back until they were reinforced. There were several killed on both sides and quite a number wounded on both sides. Our forces finally drove them back after they had drove our men within three miles of our pickets. Our men took seventy of them prisoners but they got none of our men. They are making charges and our men _____ few days but they finally lose more than they gain. I received your letter with stamps in and was glad to ^{see} them

for they are hard to get here at all times. If you wish to send me or the boys anything send stamps. I have plenty money and if the boys should need any I can let them have it so long as we are together. Lee was over to see me a few days past but I do not see them so after now as there camp is near three miles from ours now but they ——— well you better spoke of Marthey.