

April 17<sup>th</sup> Genl. Hospital No. 18  
Nashville Tennessee

Dear Mother

I received your letter  
from you yesterday and was glad to hear  
from you once more. I wrote you a  
letter some two weeks ago and it appears  
that you had not got it. I had and  
to me or else you did not. But do not mind

that I am still in the hospital and  
getting better slowly we got paid yesterday  
and I want to go to the regiment  
to morrow I don't want to be able for  
any for some time. I am in my work  
in the best and lungs I can get a further  
I think I would try but I don't care  
about me for this. I don't it would cost  
me some twenty to forty dollars and would only  
get about thirty days further therefore I don't  
think it would pay me to get one  
one of the boys that is in the hospital with  
me got a letter from England I know this  
morning he said that the boys was well and  
enjoying themselves well. I thought that we

and by the way I hope the same will be  
some time I think of it. I don't  
know just a good while  
I don't send me your  
photograph in a letter I want  
to see if you are as good looking  
as you used to be

I Love you  
Your affectionate son  
John H. [unclear]

How do you  
hope you are  
getting on  
I hope you  
are getting  
on well  
I hope you  
are getting  
on well

get better? A better situation  
would be the regiment. The  
company was pretty nice present  
ly. It is as more than five families  
they in firm here? it is kind  
I can understand. I understand from  
that it is in family and is kind  
& want to go abroad to understand  
get a hand the showed & would  
among them. See him. But I don't  
I just can get a good to go there  
boys had had with the soldiers  
at Friday. Another came site up  
from below they all to dine one  
but Justice that succeed in doing  
was more at home & showed this morning  
over morning to make a visit. Found  
and then will get down tonight  
in these large white fields in  
to a camp the with them in a short  
& small get the regiment. Please  
that these words for I can go on  
and then there are more  
wants to a letter some time ago  
as a message to my words from him

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Thomas being sick & was sorry to  
hear of so much sickness about here  
and to hear of so many deaths and  
and especially about in home. But it  
is nothing to see the die & succeed dying  
there has been the die in the world since  
I have been here and there do many  
enlighten and wonder. I have studied  
a great deal of medicine and that  
and quinine are one & medicine and  
both sides are equal all over the world  
and my good share & believed it  
& must draw this letter to a close for I  
have a letter to write to my to my  
and also some words to write to different ones  
when you write to me direct to John Miller  
Franklin Kenner & Regiment Co B in  
care of Captain and to follow the way  
to more of present your love and respect  
Butter tell that I am a better boy  
than I used to be & that we should go  
& may be when my three years up  
able to all and remain good friends  
of the Butler & Miller. John Miller  
I would write to them as you get this

April 17 (63) \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital No. 13  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sister

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I received a letter from you yesterday and was glad to hear from home ~~and~~ <sup>once</sup> more (?) I wrote you a letter some two weeks ago and it appeared that you had not got it yet. ~~I heard (?) you from (?) one or else you did not state so in your letter.~~ I am still in the hospital. I am getting better slowly. We got paid off yesterday and I expect to go to the regiment <sup>tomorrow</sup> in morning. I don't expect to be able for duty for some time if ever. I am very weak <sup>and hurt</sup> in the breast <sup>I could</sup> I don't think if I would try, but I don't care about <sup>one for</sup> me for this rest(?). It would cost <sup>a</sup> me twenty to forty dollars and would only get about <sup>two</sup> twenty days <sup>leave</sup>. Therefore I don't think it would pay me to get one. <sup>well</sup> One of the boys that is in the hospital with me got a letter from Captain Norris this morning. He said that the boys was well and enjoying themselves, and he thought that we would get better and be better satisfied if we would go to the regiment. The our company numbers fifty nine present. Our brigade is at or near Franklin Tennessee about thirty miles from here. It is about the same distance to Murfessborough from here that it is from franklin which is thirty miles. I want to go down to Murfessborough. I can get a pass and see Thomas. I would give anything to see him but I don't expect that cannot get a pass to go there. Our boys had a brush with the rebels on last Friday. Old <sup>Van Dorn</sup> ~~Sandorn~~ came rite up in to franklin and tryed to drive our men out, but did not succeed in doing so. Our men drove them. I heard this morning that our men is going to make a more forward drive and then they will get something to do for there is a large rebels force in front. I expect to be with them in a short time. I want to get the regiment before they start on the march for I can get on the <sup>cars</sup> ~~card~~ (?) where they are now. I wrote Thomas a letter sometime ago and I cannot get any word from him. I was sorry to hear of Thomas being sick. I was sorry to hear of so much sickness about home and to hear of so many deaths and especially Miss Em. Bane, ~~but~~ it is nothing to me to see soldiers dying. There has been six died in the ward since I have been here and is so many cripples and wounded. I have taken a great deal of medicine and that was quinine and and I was blistered on both sides and cuped (?) all over the brest. You may guess how I relished it. I must draw this letter to a close for I have a letter to write today to Mary Taylor and also some more to write to diferent ones. When you write to me Direct to John Miller, Franklin, Tenisee, 98 regiment Co. C. in care of Captain and to follow the reg. No more at present. Your true and affectionate Brother. Tell dad I am a better boy than I used to be. I don't no how good I may be when my three years up. My love to all, and remains yours truly

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August 27th 1863

In Camp near Wartrace, Tenn.  
Headquarters Co. C. 198th Regiment O.V. I. (or J)

Mr. William Miller

Dear Sir,

Your letter concerning your Son John's death came duely to hand and the contents duely noted. Being one of his most intimate friends and being fully acquainted with his disease while with the company, I have the privilege of answering your letter, and do most sincerely sympathize with your loss of so noble a Son, so true hearted and earnest a Patriot and a kind and generous a comrade. He was always uncomplaining and hopeful, always ready and willing (when at all able) to do his duty in the most prompt efficient and soldier-like manner, and on many occasions I have known him to do duty when injustice to himself he should have been on the sick list. He never felt contented or satisfied when absent from the company, being left several times at the Hospital, he would always leave before he had fully recovered and rejoin his company always reporting for duty.

He was troubled a great deal with a pain in the breast and side also with a sore on his breast somewhat of a cancerous nature and which for some time prevented him from wearing his equipment and caused him considerable pain at times. But previous to our leaving Franklin he seemed to be in better health than he had been for some time and was quite bouyant and hopeful. When we left Franklin he marched with us to Tryune in preference to going up to Nashville to the Hospital. While at Tryune he still continued to improve untill about 2 weeks before we were ordered on with the main army to attack Bragg when he was attacked with Diarea of a very violent type. And from which he had not fully recovered when we were ordered to March. Our sick were all sent to Murfreesboro and although Capt. Norris insisted on Johns going there with the train, he declined and insisted on moving forward with the Company. He march(ed) 3 days with us through a terrible and almost constant rain over very rough and muddy roads when the hardships and exposier proved to much. Captain Norris after a great deal of exertion, finally succeeded in having (him) placed in an ambulance and sent to Murfreesboro. About 2 weeks before his death I received a communication from the Surgeon in charge asking me to send him a Descriptive List and account of his pay and clothing as he wished (to) have him discharged and sent home as a means of saveing life. I immediately made it out and forwarded it by return mail, but it was too late and the object defeated. His Desease was cronic diarea and is the worst of subtile and fatal disease the soldier has to contend with.

As to the particulars immediately relating to the last hours of his illness, I am sorry to inform you I can get no satisfactory account nor of his funeral. I am informed by those who have been at the same place sick, speak favorably of the kindness of the Surgeon in charge and his assistans, the nurses and employes at the Hospital. I have not theleast doubt but what he was buried in a decent and humane manner, and you can easly find his grave and remove his remains if so desired. I believe that I have given you all the information concerning his sickness and death that I am acquainted with. I will send you by the same mail

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and which you will receive in addition  
his Pay in your final settlement with the  
Government.

Yours truly  
John D. ...  
Orderly Sgt. ...



The U. S. Christian Commission  
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home.  
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.



Miss of J. Miller  
Harrisville  
Ohio

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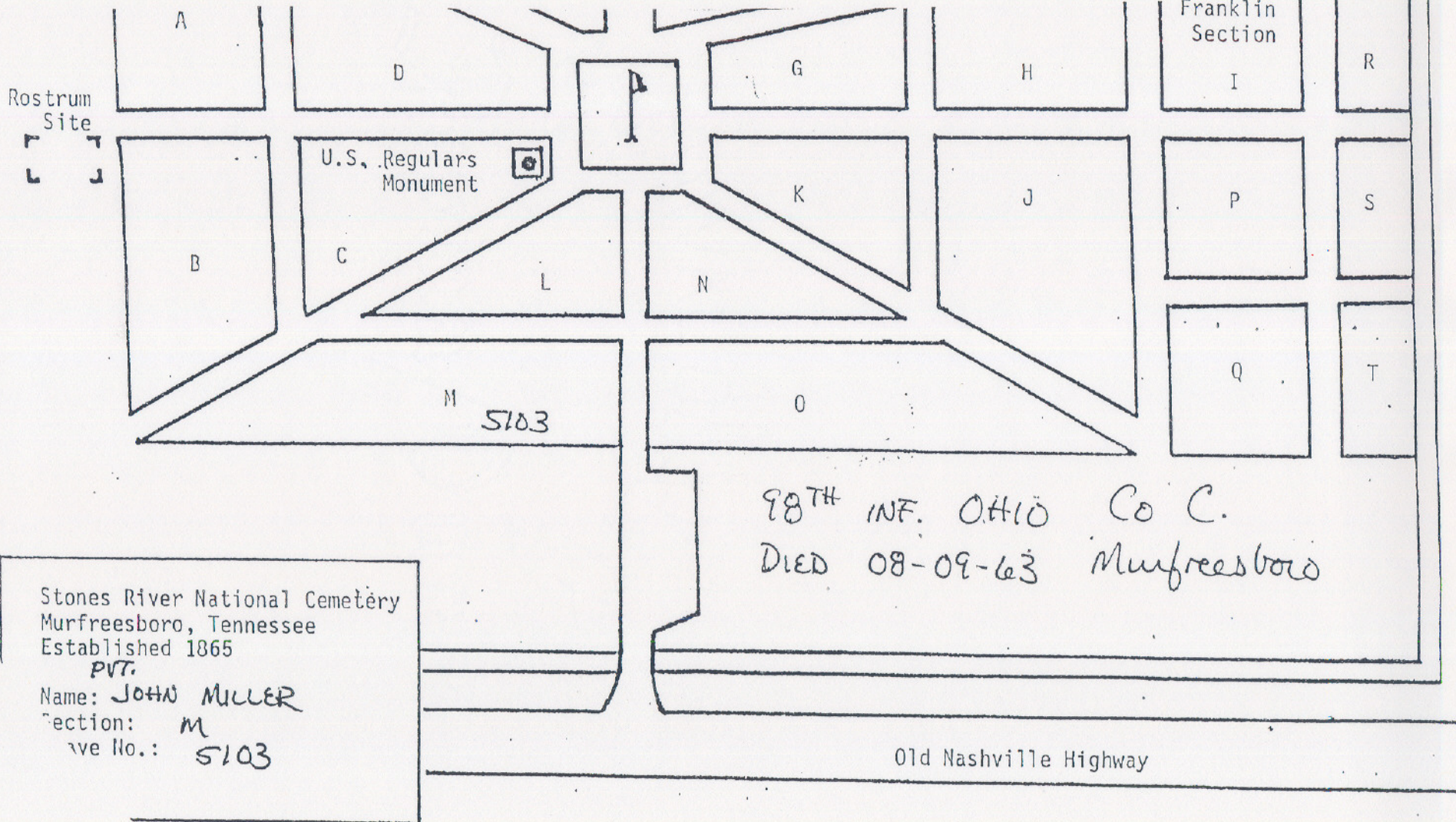
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I am Dear Sir, your most  
Obedient Servant

John W. Simmons  
Orderly Segt. Co. C. (1) 98 P.C.V.I. (or J)

(Penciled figured at close)



Stones River National Cemetery  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
Established 1865

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98<sup>TH</sup> INF. OHIO Co C.  
DIED 08-09-63 Murfreesboro

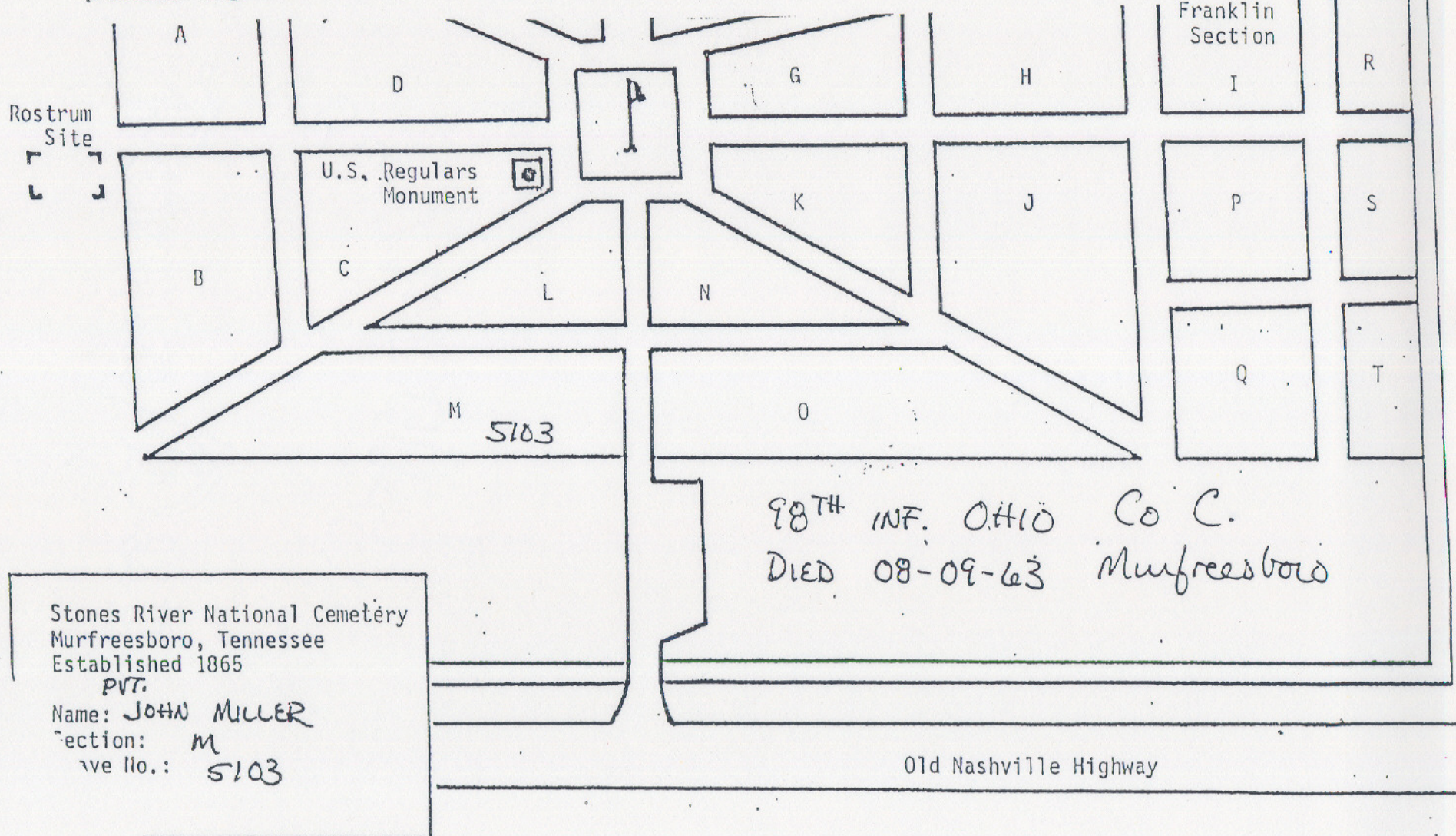
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east that I will send in the  
by. I'll send the first of it to  
me now, or up to Washington, and we got there  
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the necessary money and the first of it  
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for a great many years at Long for  
done five weeks ago in the New York  
all the time I was there and when  
we left there we took the end for

considerable sum it was drinking and  
for the boys to get a can here

then we got to Philadelphia and made out  
the car in empty ground we stayed there

three days and there we made some  
the beer and got some of the nicest

beers that ever we got on the King's road  
Friday and say there will Sunday morning

and there we got things off a boat further  
as I know I don't do the same then after we

got our things we started for Philadelphia  
then was 63 boats in the fleet there

and some of them were in one fleet  
the fleet were there at night

we were on another came to port de Philadelphia  
then we thought we was going to Philadelphia

when we in sight of the port  
we were a boat burning and we

met great many boats of long evening  
during the time our grand boat was taken  
of the other boats and was from over

in to make a collection and the rebels  
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April the 1 A.D. 1863  
Hospital No. 13 Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sister

I take this present opportunity of trying to write a few lines to you to let you know how I am and where. I am well. I am in the hospital in Nashville. I have been here since the 14th day of february. This is now the first day of April. ~~7th Feb.~~ <sup>Wed</sup> I commence back at Christmas. Well ~~each~~ <sup>each</sup> day or night, Rather (?) are ~~start~~ <sup>start</sup> rebels. John Morgan and we run him for several days but all ~~know~~ <sup>was</sup> we only ~~to run~~ <sup>to run</sup> ~~the~~. I have been well since we chased Morgan to Columbia, and then we came back to Lebbanon a distance of forty miles. And from there to New Haren 40 miles further ~~y~~ <sup>were</sup> All more (?) out. We stayed there a week or two and when we got there there was the deepest snow fell that has been for a great many years. It lay for some two weeks. I was in the hospital all the time we was there and when we left there we took the cars for Louisville and it was something new for the boys to get a car ride. So ~~(X)~~ we got to Louisville and marched on to our old camping ground. We stayed there two days and then we marched down to the river and got on one of the nicest boats that runs. We got on the boat on Thursday and lay there untill Sunday morning and then we got payed off. I sent father 25 dollars. I sent it to the bank. Then after we got our pay we started for Nashville ~~town~~ <sup>TENN</sup>. There was 63 boats in our fleet. The fleet run to shore at night. We run on untill came to fort Donelson. There we thought we was going to get something to do. When we came in sight of the fort we saw a boat burning and we met great many bails of hay coming down the river. Our gun boat run ahead of the other boats and fired over in to fort donelson. And the rebels run every way when our gun fired. They was just about taken our men. One rebel Collonel rode up to the forte and ordered our men to surrender and they just shot him all pieces. His name was McNary. We lay there 1 day and then was great many got off the boats and over on the battle ground. There was a good many killed and wounded on the rebels side ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> were not so many on our side. I would liked to went over but I was not able to go. We could see off the boat very well. We could see the dead and wounded lying around. I got a piece of Collonel McNary's coat that I will send in this letter. His shirt was the finest of silk. We run on up to Nashville and we got there Sabbath morning. We stayed on the boat till Monday morning and then we marched out about four miles out from Nashville and camped on Collonel McNary's place and a splendid place it is. We stayed there untill Wednesday and then got marching orders for the morning (?) at 8 oclock. So the doctor came around ~~to see~~ <sup>to see</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~us~~ <sup>us</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~hospital~~ <sup>hospital</sup>. He said I could not stand the march and he sent me and 3 others of our company to the hospital. I wanted to go with the regiment. When I came to Nashville I seen several of the 74 Ohio boys. I seen Matt McFadden. ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> said Thomas was in town but could not get to see him. He came up from Murphsbourough with the wagon train and went back again. I wrote him a letter but never got any answer from him. I want you to write and let me know if you have any word from him. Our old lieutenant came 3 or 4 days ago to see me. He had just come from home. He said he had seen father ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> he asked me to write immediately. I must bring this poorly wrote letter to a close by saying that I am getting some better and hope that this will find all well and enjoying good health. Write as soon as you receive ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~letter~~ <sup>letter</sup> I may be sent to some other place. A B direct to Nashville Hospital NO. 13 ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> (?) in care of sargent in Charge. So ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> more at present.

Yours truly

Your affectanat brother John Miller  
(My love to all \_\_\_\_\_)

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Franklin Tennessee May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I received your letter a few minutes ago and have just finished reading it and was glad to hear from home I thought your letter was a good while in coming but I can't say anything myself although I heard from home lately I send a letter that abbert got from you and also one he got from Thomas and Lydia. Jimmy Glendon came to the regiment a few days ago looking well and in spirits our regiment is out on picket to day and everything is quiet in camp there is a few left in

4 pray day I sent the most off it out to the boys I will send you a picture of I can get one taken to please me ~~see~~ there is strong talk off consolidating our regiment in to 5. five companies in the place of ten then I suppose that the reg will be filled up with new recruits if consolidation takes place our company and company F will be thrown to gether in one company and then there will be several officers thrown out they have a good chance to get home I am afraid that they will take our captain or lieutenant from us I will draw this poor thing to a close I want you to answer it if you think it worth and

Captain Norris sends his love to father and you your affectionate brother  
May love to all John Miller So Miss  
L J Miller  
Good by



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Camp. There has nothing occurred since I  
wrote you last here in camp. Since I wrote you  
I have been worse for a few days but am getting better  
again my health is improving slowly I dont know where  
I will be able for duty this summer is not <sup>am</sup> very well  
contented my captain treats me well and also the other  
officers treat me well we have <sup>but a few</sup> the officers in the regiment  
or any other regiment that can be found. I am  
going to quit writing for the present for the mail dont  
go out until the morrow evening I will now finish my letter  
to Ki Macfadden. He came to the company yesterday looking  
as well as ever I saw him look he tells me that there is  
nothing going on only hard labor at home he says father  
was offered 50 Dollars an acre for his farm I think he should

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better take it if he can suit himself again in purchase  
another place. We expect to get paid off the morrow  
as soon as you spoke about my picture that you wanted me  
get one took and send to you I cant get one for less than  
two Dollars and for up to 8 Dollars and not good at that  
we have marching orders now but I dont know how soon  
we will march the report is that there is a large  
force marching on us and if that be the case our troops will  
march out to meet them but there is so many reports in  
camp that its false that we dont know what to believe I  
~~do not~~ understand you have some pictures out of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> regiments  
I think you might send me one picture as I have none in  
my possession at present if we get paid off soon I will  
send home some money and I did not send any the last

Franklin Tennessee, May 28th, 1863

Dear Sister

I received your letter a few minutes ago and have just finished reading it and was glad to hear from home and thought your letter was a good while in coming but I can't say anything myself although I heard from home lately, read a letter that Albert got from you and also he got from Thomas and Cyndia (?). Tommy Glenden came to the regiment a few days ago looking well and in spirits. Our regiment is out on picket to day and everything is quiet in camp. There is a few left in camp. There has nothing occurred since I wrote you last here from camp. Since I wrote you I have been worse for a few days, but am getting better again. My health is improving slowly. I don't no when I will be able for duty this summer or not. I am very well contented. My Captain treats me well and also the other officers treats me well. We have the least officers in the regiment or any other regiment that can be found. I am going to quit writing for the present for the mail don't go out untill tomorrow evening..... I will now finish my letter. Ki Mcfadden come to the company yesterday looking as well as ever I saw him look. He tells me that there is nothing going on only hard labor at home. He says father was offered 60 dollars an acre for his farm. I think he had better take it if he can suit himself again in purchasing another place. We expect to get paid off tomorrow or soon. You spoke about my picture that you wanted me get one took and send to you. I can't get one for less than two dollars and for up to 8 dollars and not good at that. We have marching orders now but I don't no how soon or where. We will march tho (?) yet. The report is that there is a large force marching on us and if that be the case our troops will march out to meet them. But there is so many reports in camp that are false that we don't now what to believe. I understand you have som pictures out of the 98 regiment. I think you might send me one picture as I have no in my possession at present. If we get paid off soon I will send home some money as I did not send any the last pay day. I lent the most off it out to the boys. I will you a picture if I can get one taken to please me. There is strong talk off consolidating our regiment in to 5 fire companys in the place of 10. Then I suppose that the reg will be filled up with new recruits. If consolidion takes place our company and company F will be throwed together in one company and then there will be several officers throwed out. They have a good chance to get home. I am afraid that they will take our captain or lieutenant from us. I will draw this poor thing to a close. I want you to answer it if you think it worth and Captain Norris sends his love to father and you. Your affectionate brother

My love to all  
(good by)

John Miller to Miss  
L. J. Miller

June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1863 Dear Sister

I received your welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear from home. I received a letter from Billy and I have answered a few days ago and you will see that we have been marching some. Well since I wrote you last we have seen the elephant again but not so big a one as we saw at Ferrysville on last Sabbath week ago we was called out in line of battle and were out about 2 miles and there we stayed awhile while the cavalry went away out to look around then we came back to camp and then on the next Tuesday they attacked us again we wa

When our cannon opened fire you better believe that there was considerably of a noise our regiment was in the middle of all our cannon and when our cannon opened fire the rebs opened right in among us and think there was about 20 shells fired at us but one fine thing there was only one bursted if they all had bursted it just ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> have us all to pieces but there was not one hurt but there was several more ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> run when our cannon got to firing right sharp they skedaddled of one of our cannon silenced one of the rebs so they thought it time to leave so our cavalry took up the chase our brigade and one company of artillery followed them a first or six miles and then come back I was not along I have had a gathering on my breast for over a month the doctor lanced it the other day and it is running yet several said it was a carbuncle but I dont know what it is

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called out 3 or 4 times that way, there was nothing  
done that day, only the pickets kept the firing  
up until we carely drove them back and then on  
thursday they made another attack about the middle  
of the day before I go any further I will tell you  
how our camp is situated. our camp is placed on the  
side of a hill and very near the top of the hill our  
camp is in the woods and faces to the front and just  
above our tents is the rifle pits and to our right and  
left is troops posted all along. just below our  
camp about one hundred yards the level bottom  
commences and it is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile across and  
then on the other side there is the pretty forest.

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(made dash)  
well on thursday the rebels drove through the forest  
on to our pickets and our carely made a dash and  
met them and there was pretty thick musketry firing  
for some time our regiment was in line of battle  
about the middle of our camp and the rebels opened  
out four cannon on us so that raised the excitement  
and it was not long until our cannon was fixed  
and put in operation the first two or three shells  
they shot first went clean over the hill above as  
our men planted two cannon in the edge of the  
woods just below our camp and then they plant  
two more within a few feet of our tents and two  
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(Letter is incomplete. This is evidently a letter from brother John)



April 17, 1863 Hospital No. 13  
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Dear Sister:

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August 27th, 1863. In camp near Wartrace, Tennessee  
Headquarters Co. C, 98th Regiment O.V.I.

Mr. William Miller  
Dear Sir:

Your letter concerning your son John's death came duly to hand. Being one of his most intimate friends and being fully acquainted with his disease, I most sincerely sympathize with your loss of so noble a son. He was always uncomplaining and hopeful, On many occasions, I have known him to do duty when he should have been on the sick list. He never felt contented or satisfied when absent from the company. He would always leave (the hospital) before he had fully recovered and rejoin his company.

He was troubled a great deal with a pain in the breast and side, somewhat of a cancerous nature, which for some time prevented him from wearing his equipment and caused him considerable pain. He marched 3 days with us through terrible and almost constant rain over very rough and muddy roads when the hardships and exposure proved too much. Captain Norris, finally succeeded in having him placed in an ambulance and sent to Murfreesboro. About 2 weeks before his death, the Surgeon wished to have him discharged and sent home as a means of saving his life. But, it was too late.

As to the particulars immediately relating to the last hours of his illness, I am sorry to inform you I can get no satisfactory account nor of his funeral. I have not the least doubt he was buried in a decent manner, and you can easily find his grave and remove his remains if so desired. I believe that I have given you all the information concerning his sickness and death that I am acquainted with. I will send you, by the same mail John's pay and clothing.

I am Dear Sir, your most Obedient Servant,  
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CEMETERY

April 17, 1863 Hospital No. 13  
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He was troubled a great deal with a pain in the breast and side ~~also with a sore on his breast,~~ somewhat of a cancerous nature, and which for some time prevented him from wearing his equipment and caused him considerable pain at times. But previous to our leaving Franklin, he seemed to be in better health than he had been for some time and was quite bouyant and hopeful. When we left Franklin, he marched with us to Triune. While at Triune, he ~~still continued to improve until about 2 weeks before we were ordered to attack Bragg when he was attacked with diarrhea of a very violent type.~~ And from which he had not fully recovered when we were ordered to march. Our sick were all sent to Murfreesboro, and although Captain Norris insisted on John going with the train, he declined and insisted on moving forward with the company. He marched 3 days with us through terrible and almost constant rain over very rough and muddy roads when the hardships and exposure proved too much. Captain Norris, ~~after a great deal of exertion,~~ finally succeeded in having him placed in an ambulance and sent to Murfreesboro. About 2 weeks before his death, the Surgeon in charge wished to have him discharged and sent ~~to his home as a means of saving his life.~~ But, it was too late. His disease was chronic diarrhea and is the worst fatal disease the soldier has to contend with.

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J. Wiley Prugh  
112 Hopeville Ave.  
Greeneville, Tn. 37743

Great-great nephew of  
John Miller

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He was troubled a great deal with a pain in the breast and side also with a sore on his breast, somewhat of a cancerous nature, and which for some time prevented him from wearing his equipment and caused him considerable pain at times. But previous to our leaving Franklin, he seemed to be in better health than he had been for some time and was quite buoyant and hopeful. When we left Franklin, he marched with us to Triune. While at Triune, he still continued to improve until about 2 weeks before we were ordered to attack Bragg when he was attacked with diarrhea of a very violent type. And from which he had not fully recovered when we were ordered to march. Our sick were all sent to Murfreesboro, and although Captain Norris insisted on John going with the train, he declined and insisted on moving forward with the company. He marched 3 days with us through terrible and almost constant rain over very rough and muddy roads when the hardships and exposure proved too much. Captain Norris, after a great deal of exertion, finally succeeded in having him placed in an ambulance and sent to Murfreesboro. About 2 weeks before his death, the Surgeon in charge wished to have him discharged and sent to his home as a means of saving his life. But, it was too late. His disease was chronic diarrhea and is the worst fatal disease the soldier has to contend with.

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John W. Simmons, Orderly Sgt. 98th Ohio

August 27th 1863

In Camp near Wartrace, Tenn.  
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Dear Sir,

Your letter concerning your Son John's death came duely to hand and the contents duely noted. Being one of his most intimate friends and being fully acquainted with his disease while with the company, I have the privilege of answering your letter, and do most sincerely sympathize with your loss of so noble a Son, so true hearted and earnest a Patriot and a kind and generous comrade. He was always uncomplaining and hopeful, always ready and willing ~~(when at all able)~~ to do his duty in the most prompt efficient and soldier-like manner, and on many occasions I have known him to do duty when ~~injustice to himself~~ he should have been on the sick list. He never felt contented or satisfied when absent from the company, being left several times at the Hospital, he would always leave before he had fully recovered and rejoin his company, always reporting for duty.

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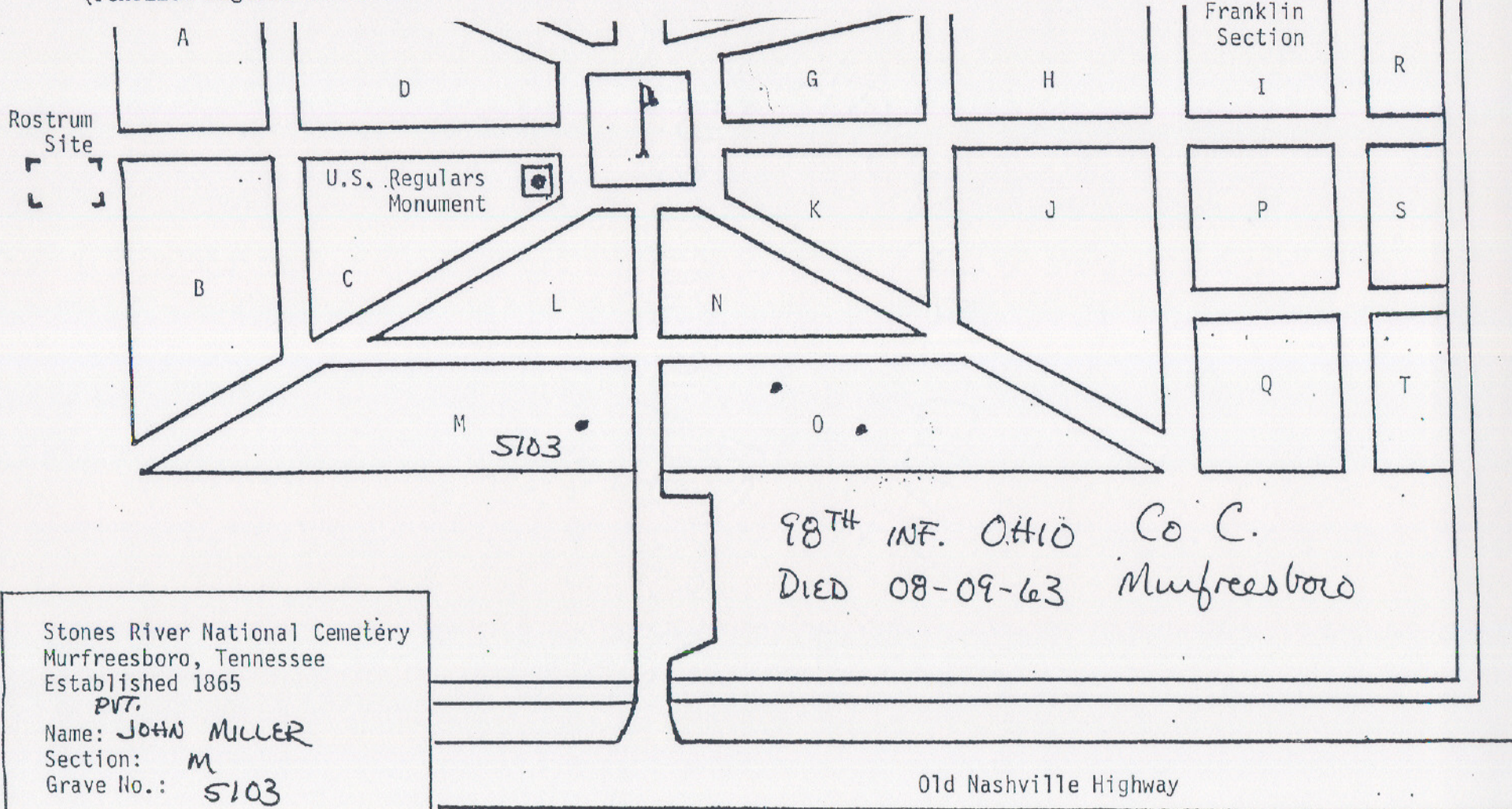
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that will bring you this a statement of his pay and clothing. Also an inventory of his effects at the time of his decease, forwarded to me by the Surgeon in charge of the hospital. The value of which will be placed to his credit on our next pay Roll, and which you will receive in addition his pay in your final statement with the Government.)

I am Dear Sir, your most  
Obedient Servant

John W. Simmons  
Orderly Segt. Co. C. (1) 98 P.O.V.I. (or J)

(Penciled figured at close)



1863  
April 17 (63) \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital No. 13.  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Miss Lydia J. Miller          John Miller  
Please write as soon as you get this.

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