

Chattanooga Oct 14th 1863.

Mrs Pauley

It is with emotion

that I take my pen to say a few words to you in reference to your Husband's death - As his commanding officer, I can testify to his True Soldierly qualities, In the battle of Chickasawgoni we were sorely tried on Saturday - all day but on Sunday the (20th) was the terrible trial. Our Right formed the Second Line, the first was routed about ten A.M. We were ordered to check the enemy and drive them from breast-works occupied by them Mr. Pauley went into the charge with us, we were not supported neither were we ordered to retreat, until we were almost surrounded, we were ^{forced} to fight our way out, or die. The latter we were not willing to do. we had sought our way back about two hundred yards, when suddenly falling was near him, I heard him say Capt. Tom killed. I went to him and asked him where he was, ^{hit} he pointed to the place and said he thought that the ball went through the heart. (The wound was in the left breast) I asked if I could do any

— thing for him he said that I could not, but that I had
better take care of the company and do the best I could
(for we were sorely pressed) he was composed - remarks
very so - his countenance seemed to be lighter with
patriotism. I felt like remaining by him, but in
minutes in — perhaps, the evening line three columns
deep had passed him. His wounded comrades left on
the ground with him have since been so brought
They inform me that he died until the next
day. The contents of his pockets were some few
say the "Hospital Stewart" who is still a prisoner
if he is not robbed they will come in hand, & I
will forward to you a description of
Mr. Stanley was with us in your battles viz
Perryville, Stone River, Hoover Gap, and the
most dreadful of all battles Chickamauga
I am not satisfied that he fell, but that any of
the company escaped his fate.

You have our fullest sympathies, we also feel
his loss, and stand ready to die as he did for the
same glorious cause.

And now my dear friend, I can only refer you
to that "Good Being" who hath said "I am the
Widows Friend, and the Orphans God."

Abner L. Roop Capt. 60 E '81

Nov 17, 1992

Miss Betty Cook -

Enclosed are the copies of the letters from
Wm. H. Pauley of the 82nd Airborne. Hope you
can make them out.

Would you send me copies of pages 442 + 443
of my mit. by E. Leno, N. Ala + W. Va. Chapter xxxii
(Col. M. B. Walker)? Coins and an SASE are also
enclosed.

Thank you.

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STONES RIVER
NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

NOV 19 '92

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Staff Ranger	
X	Letters 11/5/92 BC
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Adm Clerk	
Chief Maint	
Maint Wks	
Maint Wks	
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X	enclosed .50 cash
	7 envelopes

I believe the letter lists are correct. Some of
Thomas' Corps, particularly the 82nd Airborne, went back
& I think it seems.

82nd JN

THE CHANEY FAMILY
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THE PAULEY LETTERS

" Camp___ Gallatin Dec. 7, 1862 My Dear
Wife I received your letter this afternoon of the 23rd. I was glad
to hear from you but I thought I would get one later than that. I am
well at present and hope this will find you the same. This is Sunday
but there is no Sunday for a soldier. we have to clean up our quart-
ers every Sunday. Last night I was out on picket. it was very
[cold] to be out all night. Last Friday it snowed about three inches
deep. it is very cold [cold] for this part of the world. I am
very sorry to hear that Mr. Hicks didn't come up to his promise in
bringing you wood. he promised me to see that you didn't need for
any thing. I wrote a letter to Cincinnati last Monday to see how they
were there. I have heard Mr. Jones was grandpap. I guess he is as
proud as a little dog with two tails. I would like to see him walking
up the rail-road. I think I see him swinging himself bigger than
ever. I would like to bring the children something if I could come
home. Tell Belle that I will send her something if I can. I will
send her a kiss anyhow. Tell her that I think a good deal about his
little Belle and how he would like to see her and play with her on
Christmas. Tell her I would like to receive something good from her.
I think a good deal about all of you and how I would like to see you
once more. I shall close as no more. From your affectionate
husband, Wm. H. Pauley.

" Murfreesboro, Feb. 26, 1863 My Dear
Becca I take this another opportunity to write you a few lines to
let you know that I am well and hope this will find you the same. I
have been looking for a letter this two weeks and have not got any
yet. I received a few lines from Sarah last night and was glad to
hear from her. I hope she is home by this time and I wish I was
there to my Dear. I am very lonesome when I don't get any letters
from you. I think there is something the matter with you or the
children. This is a very lonesome place here. it rains most all the
time there is a good many sick men in camp almost. almost every day
I see a funeral. men are very much _____ (discouraged here.)
Before I leave here, I will send home my coats and a blanket and
some things. I don't what all yet. We are not pay as yet _____. I
will send them home then and I don't know when we will leave here
anyhow wether we leave or not. I will send them so you may look for
them. I saw James Lee last week He is well and harty. He said he
had no letter from his wife in seven weeks. I shall close as no
more. from your affectionate husband, Wm. H. Pauley. Write soon.
P. S. My Dear give these small to the children and give the five
cents to Belle."

Today, Interstate 24 running southeast from Nashville to Chattanooga
goes through the edge of Murfreesboro. Not too far to the north of
the Interstate is the old fort where Rosecrans and his troops were
encamped.

" Camp near Tryune, April 20, 1863
Dear Wife I take this another opportunity to write you a few lines

Newfreestone Feb 26 1863

My Dear Pecos I take
this another opportunity to write
you a few lines to let you know
that I am well and hope this
will find you the same I have
been looking for a letter this
two weeks and have not gotten
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home by this time and I wish
I was there to my Dear I am
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is something the matter with you
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some other things I dont know
what all yet. we ~~are not~~ pay of yet.
maybe I will send them home
them and I dont ^{no} when we will
leave here anyhow. whether we leave
or not I will send them so you
~~may look for them~~ I saw General
Lee last week he is well and happy
he said he had no letter from his
wife for seven weeks.

P.S. My Dear give theas small
to the children give the five
cent to Belle.

Yours
Mary

Dear Mrs. [unclear] I have not received
your letter of the 14th. I am getting
of him to write to you after lunch
he is your friend here I am getting
a long letter but not from you
I will have a letter from the
one in Aberdeen and one I wish I
was at home now I think that thing
would go better I have not received
a letter from you since last Friday
a week I have felt in my
since you wrote that letter we will
I wish you would write often
any of them or write I hope I
shall get a letter to say I received
a letter from you last Saturday
they are all well I sent the rest
of my things home this morning
my coat pants are short and some
socks and the belt I got from
there is short heels on my coat

I have some cotton seen
will be in the [unclear] I want you
to show them to you can see how
it goes there are a good many
pants to show here I would like
to see you but I can't
we have been getting [unclear]
I wish I could send them from
away so you can keep my coat of
you can make [unclear] my
out of the pants do so the
will get the best my dear you can
make [unclear] a shirt it is to small
for me with my [unclear] the
has just come and I am
not well and no [unclear]
bring my letter to [unclear]
my [unclear] and my [unclear]
you will see the [unclear]
you write as soon as you get this
and let me know [unclear]
occurred my [unclear]
Aunt and Mrs. G. G. G.

Camp near Sevierville June 14th 1868

Dear Wife I take this opportunity

this present opportunity answering to write
you after we do not you know that I
am well and hope this will find you
enjoying the same blessing. I hope the
same blessing will continue until we
shall embrace each other again.
give my love to the Children. Miss
them all for me. My Dear we expect
an arrival here every day last night
was called up to get the day earlier
if we have back and be ready.

but I dont think they will come if
they do. I think they will get a very
reception. My Dear Henry Davis
wife is going to send a box. It
must I would like you to send a
box in it if you will go and see
how these she can tell you what
I want you to send me a favor

Camp near Toiyune April 26th 1868
Dear Wife I take this another
opportunity to write you a few lines
to let you know how I am getting
along with the horses and team
I have the most
pleasant shelter and none I wish I
was at home now I think that thing
would go better I have not received
a letter from you since last Friday
morning I have felt uneasy ever
since you wrote that Kate was sick
I wish you would write often when
any of them are sick I hope I
shall get a letter today I received
a letter from Sam last Saturday
they are all well I sent the most
of my things home this morning
my coat pants and shirt and some
coffee and the letter I got from Sam
there is some beer in my coat

packet I want you to plant
I have some cotton seed they
will be in this letter I want you
to plant them so you can see how
they grow there are a good many
plants down here I want to like to
send them but I cant

we have been getting new pairs of caps
blouses I dont want throw them
away so you can keep my coat if
you can make Perry any thing
out of the pants down the thick
will get the box any time you can
make Perry a shirt it is to small
for me will any of you mail
them just come on and I love
you as well as no letter I will
bring my letter to a close
my dear I send my love to
you all kiss the children for
me write as soon as you get this
and let me know whether you
received my things your affectionate
husband Wm. H. Pauling

Camp near Lodi June 14th 1863

Dear Wife I take this opportunity
this pleasant Sunday morning to write
you a few lines to let you know that I
~~am well and hope this will find you~~
engaging the same blessing. I hope the
same blessing will continue until we
shall embrace each other again.
Give my love to the Children Kiss
them all for me. My Dear we expect
an attack here every day last night we
were called up to get two day washing
in our haversack and be ready.

~~but I don't think they will come if~~
they do I think they will get a warm
reception. My Dear Henry Davis
wife is going to send a box to him
and I would like you to send me
some in it if you will go and see
Mrs. Wise she can tell you about it
I want ^{to} you to send me a piece

My Dear I some time with
 you seem here to take a warm with
 me over these delightful hills and
 valleys and see what a fine country
 this is and what a pity it is to
 see every thing going the worst of
 had a last of some Passengers but
 themselves in more at present
 they have to you and the children
 from your affectionate husband
 with love
 Wm. J. Parley

P.S. My Dear I have just received
 a letter from Sarah here it is
 I forgot to tell you that last
 Thursday was my birth day
 I wish you to send a love letter

of Mrs. Jordan & like the
 you and some tobacco and some
 finger cake and any thing else
 you like so you don't make to big
 a parcel I would like you to see
 me that here kind of light home
 My Dear I would like to have Bill
 get up and get up and get up
 business but if you don't get
 mind. My Dear I can't send them
 things first must wait until a good
 deal of fuel I would have to
 go to Nashville and state what was
 in it if they would give it and
 then maybe it would be sent back
 when the excitement is over there will
 be a better chance I have read that
 letter that was sent to Doctor Shible
 I hope they will furnish him with the
 as guilty and all the rest we had a
 sometimes here last Thursday afternoon
 with some of the next morning and they
 had to get up and get up and get up
 they get very soon

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