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Camp near Nashville Tenn  
November, 1862. 30<sup>th</sup>

Sunday night &

Dear Father

and all at home

this Sabbath Evening

you a few lines to let you know that I am  
very well. I have not heard from home since the  
24<sup>th</sup> of October over one month that was before the  
band boys come out. but I console myself by  
thinking that you are all well and prospering  
finely. I have no news to write I suppose  
you all want the war to close. that I can tell  
you nothing about we have no General. I think  
it would puzzle some of them to know what  
to do next. as they sometimes make very  
decisions movements, I suppose this department  
of the Army will do something now or there  
and is a stirring General, I hope we will do  
a little more good and not quite so  
much marching. the boys at this time are  
generally well some few in hospital but  
that is natural, some will always be in  
the hospital, we are at this time on the  
Murfreesburg river. some of the boys from Nashville  
we moved here on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month

we are now only a few miles from the enemy  
 our Regiment is on Ricket to day & night the boys  
 will have a bad night, as it is raining & cold  
 I have never been on Ricket over Parade drill or stood  
 or any thing of the kind since the first of March  
 they may talk or they please but it is much  
 nicer not having to march or stand guard  
 this blustering weather, I am very glad I did not  
 go back to the company, when Potter wanted  
 I asked Col Howard about & he told me to stay  
 where I was, The old Col is not much of a  
 military man but he has always been a good  
 friend of mine

I suppose Will has written to you since he  
 went on his Recon & excursions, they left on the  
 24<sup>th</sup> but I do not know where they went  
 we moved the same day they did, there  
 was a batallion formed from this Division of  
 Sappers & Minors or Engineers & mechanics they are called  
 their business is to build bridges fix roads and  
 such work, there was a company of 25 went from  
 this Regt under Lt Lindsay of Co. G. Dan Brown &  
 Hill went from company D. I suppose they will  
 spend some time, I think they went back on the  
 Louisville R.R. if they did you can get letters from  
 they boys I am not certain where they went.  
 I suppose Will & Sam think they will get clear  
 of marching this winter, as they did the most of last

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but I have an idea they will miss it, for there  
will be plenty of that kind of work to do this winter  
& especially if the army marches much. I hope Mr. Will will  
write often, they may be back to the Regiment before  
long. I hope Lt Lewis will come before long. I think  
I will surely hear from home then. I suppose every  
thing is the same old way about Batavia. I would  
like to hear from home, though, & how every thing is prospering  
you can tell. Mr. Whites folks that Frank is well & that  
also give them my love. Remember my love to  
all friends about Batavia, with Kate Brock. She must  
not forget to invite me to her wedding, tell Kate  
I would write to her but every time I hear from B.  
the word is that she will be married in a short time.  
Remember me to Alice & her & all the girls & ladies when  
they come to see you, tell Kate & her & Mother  
all to write to me. My letters are over all,  
give my love to all our folks in Kentucky when you  
write or see any of them, they have had a hard  
time, I have no idea when we will be paid off  
when we are you may expect my money.

Hoping this will find all well & happy, & all be  
remain us Ever your affectionate Son

Otho W. Perkins

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Batavia, O.

North Street

Camp near Murfreesboro Tenn

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear Father,

and all at home.

You have no doubt heard before this of the great battle we have just had before Murfreesboro, which resulted in our victory but a hard won victory many thousand lost. Their lives also many thousand wounded. I have no idea the number killed or wounded. I only know it was very great just think of the fight lasting five days the rebels fought hard but they were not good enough for our brave Soldiers.

Ambergent came of quite well that is looking so. Lost many Regiments lost 40 or 50 hundred men in the 5 days fight we only lost 40 or 50 that is killed & wounded but several missing. Perry Moore is one of the missing also James Palmer & James Hovey of Co. F. I was sorry about Mr. Hovey his mother lives in the South & is ~~is a widow~~ his mother a widow woman. He also has a very fine Sister Miss Mollie, but some have to die & be taken prisoner in war I suppose the boys will get to come home. but I would not like to be taken. I suppose you will hear many big stories about this great battle. I am no writer therefore cannot write a very interesting story the rebels fought desperately to hold their position but they failed they our men killed in several thousand

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their own men say that they came into  
 the fight with 80,000 and got reinforced  
 all the time. our men only had about  
 50 thousand. we had more artillery  
 than they had. I was not in the  
 fight at all. but only a short distance  
 from the battle field with our train &  
 look rations to the boys. after night as  
 they would come most of them provisions  
 during the day. Some of our Army suffered  
 for Provision but none of our Regiment  
 was out of Provision any day during the  
 battle. I suppose all the boys have written  
 home about what happen. so you will have  
 plenty to talk about for some time.  
 Will was here to day he was not in the  
 fight as he looks quite well.

I suppose you have heard of all the killed & wounded  
 before this time. Lt. Sick has not recovered  
 yet. As I have plenty to do.

I have not heard from home for some time  
 I hope I will hear more after news communication  
 is open. I will write soon again. I suppose  
 Capt Lewis will be with us next summer.

I hope day day will soon be hear  
 us if months pay is now due us. write very  
 soon and tell me all the news & send your  
 inspiring. Much love to mother that her  
 & all friends. tell them all to write.

Hoping this will find you all very  
 well love but remain your ever affectional

Edwin Perkins

Edwin Perkins

Dear Mother & Kate

I wrote to Father & in my letter for all about all the news I could as we have been moving & fighting for some time. I have not time to say about the front battles only that many good hearts have been made & I came off very well. & thank God for preserving my life I hope I will be able to get home once more & meet you all with my many friends.

I would like to hear from home very much. I see that Sutton is married. She was kind enough to send me the wedding card. I also received a very pretty letter from Anna Bryan, a short time ago. She tells me she is not married yet. I answered Kate & brother's letter. I suppose she is married by this time. I wish her true joy if she is. I called my body. I was glad when they heard of our victory at this place. I believe I will live. Write soon. Remember me to all friends, & to much love to families of your friends & all friends. Remembering,

Soon I live but remain as ever.

Wm. B. Parker  
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Edwin Parker

Camp at Murfisbure. Jan 8th 63  
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Dear Friends

I sit down to day to wright you a few lines to let you now how I am sence the battle we have had a hard fight one of the hardest ones ever fought in this wore.

I have not received a letter from you sence I last wrote but I could not wait for I knew you would be so uneasey about us and fare we ware kild. but I thank god I am safe but meny <sup>poor solidier</sup> pore solgier lay low that day. the <sup>pioneers</sup> piomears was in it we had 2 or 3 hurt out of aure compny in the pionear and I was over to the 59 to day they had 4 kild and a great meny wonded <sup>many wounded killed</sup> one kild out of the band Gust Pen and one of them was wonded. Compny F had 3 taken <sup>prisoners</sup> prisners Pery Moore Jim Parmer Jim ary and 2 wonded <sup>wounded</sup> George Lewis and wilis lemp but not very bad. thay come well this time, you wished me a hapy new years we had <sup>enough</sup> aneuf shoting that day but I did not <sup>enjoy</sup> ingoy it as I would if it had of <sup>been</sup> bin in the <sup>streets</sup> streats of Batavia shooting shoing crackers. I was <sup>glad</sup> glat to se the boys of the 59 so <sup>cheerful</sup> cherful to day and was glad to find so meny of them here. the <sup>Pioneers</sup> Pioners fought brave I did not think they would under strang oficers but thay <sup>fought</sup> foudigt brave. you will <sup>see</sup> se more in the paper than I can tell you so I will haft to close as I have not much time I will write more next time Edey got a letter from Mat Sutan she is married I am glad to hear it. Dear Mother you dont now how I think of you and how bad I would love to se you all, but I think I will <sup>get</sup> git to come home some time for the rebels are about <sup>played</sup> plaid out. this <sup>leaves</sup> leves us well <sup>anser</sup> anser soon excuse bad writing and speling for I am in a hury write soon and tell me all the news.

From youre son Will. Ed ses he will write soon.

Plain orange envelope with 3¢ stamp in left top corner

Camp near Nashville Tenn  
November 1862 30th

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and all at home

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I suppose everything is the same old way about Batavia. I would like to hear from home, though, and how every thing is prospering. You can tell Mr. Whites folks that Frank is well and but also give them my love. Remember my love to all friends about Batavia. tell Kate Brook she must not forget to invite me to her widding. tell Kate I would write to her but every time I hear from B the word is that she will be married in a short time. remember me to Alice Rhodes and all the girls+ladies when they come to see you. tell Kate Rice and mother all to write to me. my letters are for all. give my love to all our foks in Kentuck when you write or see any of them. they have had a lard time. I have no idea when we will be paid off when we are you may expect my money.

Hoping this will find all well and happy and alose but remain as ever  
your affexctionate son

Edwin Perkins

W.W. Perkins Esqr  
Batavia, Ohio

Mother Kate and Rice

Envelope: Plain yellow with 3¢ stamp

Camp near Musfressboro, Tenn.  
January 8th, 1863

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I have not herd from home for some time. I hope I will hear more often now as communication is open. I will write soon again. I suppose Capt. Lewis will be with us

next summer.

I hope pay day will soon be hear as 4 months pay is now due us. write very soon and tell me all the news and how you are prospering. Much love to Mother Kate and Rice and all friends. tell them all to write.

Hopeing this will find you all very well I close but remain your affectionate

Edwin Perkins

Mr. W. W. Perkins

Envelope--plain yellow with 3¢ stamp

Dear Mother and Kate

I wrote to Father and in my letter to all about all the news I could as we have been moving and fighting for some time. I have nothing to say about the hard battle only that many sad hearts have been made. I came off very well and thank God for preserving my life. I hope I will be able to get home once more and meet you all with my many friends.

I would like to hear from home very much. I see Millie (?) Suttan is married. She was kind enough to send me her wedding card. I also received a very pretty letter from Anna Bryan a short time ago. She tells me she is not married yet. I answered Kate Brocks letter. I suppose she is married by this time. I wish her much joy if she is. I suppose every body was glad when they herd of our victory at this place. I believe I will close. Write soon. Remember me to all friends. Also to Uncle Levis family ? ? and all friends in Kentucky. Hoping to hear from home soon I close but remain as ever

Edwin Perkins

Mr. W.W. Perkins

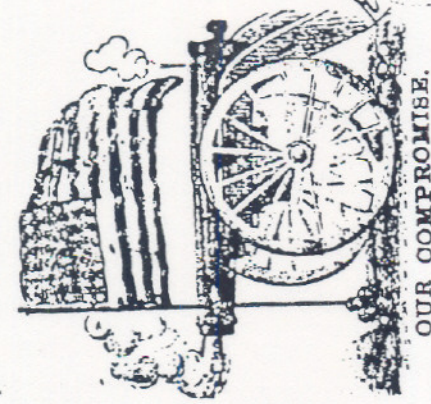
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A Soldier's letter  
McMurry's Camp  
Camp (H) 59th A. B. Co.



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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES



A Soldier's letter

McMurry's Camp  
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Co., Ohio  
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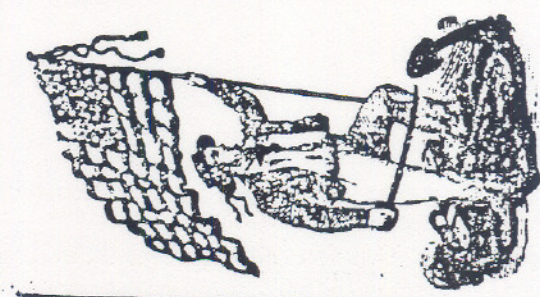
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Forever fast that standard sheet,  
Where breathes the foe but falls before us,  
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,  
And Freedom's air above our wings,  
We'll never yield our course.

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Mr. W. W. Perkins

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