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Murfreesbury the 7 of Dec.

Dear Brother I will lut you that I am well yet
I hafent reseaved eney leter from you for about
a munth v haf hat a verey hard batel hear
I Sopus you haf hird all about it I haf but
afew minets to rite So I Cant tell you mutch
about it the Batel was at Murfreesburo 30 mile
South of nashvill the fite Comenst the 30 of decem
at noon v lait Back the first day that
is our devision on the 31. the revels pitcht
into us at daybrak v war not ritey
nor expecting them So meney of our
rigeymnt fell before tha Cood git in
line 2 of our Combney fell one was Siting
Clost bey mey v war on the rite wing tha
drove us back about 3 mile under hefvy
fire but in the afdernoon v got them
turned and drove them back the batel
lastid fife day then the revels left I
hear ower rigeymnt has about 150 men
left and So meney other rigaments
Cabtin Keller was kiled lewtened is
Shot throo the leg he will hardle
liff I moust Close your Brother

Jacob Uhl

Murfreesboro (Tenn.)
January 8, 1863

Dear Brother:

I will let you know that I am well yet. I haven't received any letter from you for about a month. We have had a very hard battle here. I suppose you have heard all about it. I have but a few minutes to write, so I can't tell you much about it.

The Battle was at Murfreesboro, 30 miles south of Nashville. The fight commenced the 30th of December at noon. We laid back the first day, that is, our division. On the 31st the Rebels pitched into us at daybreak. We were not ready, nor expecting them. So many of our regiment fell before they could get in line. Two of our Company fell. One was sitting close by me. We were on the right wing. They drove us back about 3 mile under heavy fire, but in the afternoon, we got them turned and drove them back.

The battle lasted five days, then the Rebels left here. Our regiment was about 150 men left, and so many other regiments. Captain Keller was killed.* Lieutenant is shot through the leg. He will hardly live.

I must close.

Your brother,

Jacob Uhl

(* Captain Keller was actually captured, later recovered.‡

January the 25. Land near Murfreesboro

Dear Brother I take my pen to inform you that I am still in good health and that I have received your letter of the 25 of Dec on the 13 of Jenu I am glad to hear that you are well again. But I am much sorry to hear of the death of your children.

Children, you say you intend to quit me if and you wont to know what I think about it I think it woot be a pordey good thing providing you can quit a good woman or girl but look out dont quit a soulding wife you say things are most to hard I think

thats hairet so hard but what you can support a wife you can write once to your witer but I think I wont be able to attend that matter as my share of duties ar thar yet that

I must git them tell her that I will be glad if I can come by next fall you want to no witer as my girl so you can invite her that is more then I know myself I havent maid evry body get but I will sent you my likeness that you can let the girls see it mebey you can find one who will take a likeness to it.

we are still near Murfreesboro every thing is quiet the rebels I sapor ar about fifty mile from hear at the egg of the Tennessee mountains some thinkes that will stand as an other time that

of the day I think it was a budget
for a while what for day hard times during
the battle it began to rain the day or
left over old camp and was rainy
til after the ball over tentes was left
back so what to take the rain it rained
one nite ~~and~~ was on the battle field
that a boat Sears by find a dry place
to stand and keep out of the water and
and the rebel Cavalry got back of us
and took over provision wagons
and burned them up so I didnt get
Sears eny thing for five days I heard
several say that the saw sever boys
eat hors flesh I hied sever boy
that would give 25 bent for a cracker
however I had to eat til I droat
agen. I to be more then the rest along
I expected hard times but what got times
agen off what plandy snow the boys
strip the ritche farmers intirely when
a got near the lak ther meat out of ther
smok houses took ther chickens gees hogs
and evereything the boat find
I must close for this time take good
of this likenis as it was taken on my birth
day shot with my old one if gos in the
damm base if not by a new base I will
hay for it till mea wether it got home
without being broke or inevert

Direct your letter as fothel to the second division
but leaf out the number of the regate for it has
been changed from the 1st to the 2nd

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Jenuarey the 25 Camb near murfreesbo[ro]

Dear Brother I take mey pen to inform
you that I am Still in good helth and
that I haf reseaved yor leter of the 25
of Dec on the 13 of Jenn I am glad to hear
that you ar well agane But I am mutch
Soro to hear of the Deth of Benadicts
Schildren, you say you intent to quit
merit and you wont to know what I
think about it I think it woot be a
pordey good thing porviding you Can
quit a goot woomen or girl but look
out dont quit a Scolding Wife
you Say Tims ar most to hard I think
tha haint So hard but whot you
Can Soport a wife you inwite mea
to yor weten but I think I wont bee
abel to atend that Mother Says mey
Shar of Sausitches are thar yit that
I must git them tell her that I
will bee glad if I Can Com bey
next fall you want to no witch is
mey girl So you Can invite her that
is more then I know meyself I hafent
maid eney Chois yet but I will Sent

you mey likenis that you Can lut
the girls See it meybey you Can find
one hoo will take a likenin to it
v ar Still near murfreesboro everything
is quiet the revels I sopus are about
fiftey mile from hear at the egg of the
tennessee mountins Som thinkes

tha will stand us another fite thar
if tha doo. I think it woon bee yet
for a while v hat pordey hard times during
the batel it Comenst to rain the day v
left ower old Camb and was rainey
til after the batel ower tentes was left
back So v hat to take the rain it raint
one nite while v was on the batel field
that v Coot Scarseley find a drey plais
to Stand and Ceep out of the water and
mud the revel Cavelrey got back of us
and toke over provishion wagons
and burnd them up So v ditent git
Scars eney thing for fife days I heard
Severl Say that tha Saw Sever boys
eat hors flesh I hird Severl Say
tha woold give 25 Cent for a Cracker
however I hat to eat till v drooit
agen. I toke more then the rest along
I expected hard times but v haf goot times
agen v haf plandey now the boys
Stript the ritch farmers intirley when
v got hear tha tak ther meat of of ther
Smok houses toke ther Chickens gees hogs
and evereything tha Coot find

I must Close for this time take good
of this likenis it was taken on my burth
day potit with mey old one it gos in the
Same Case if not bey a new Case I will
pay for it tell mea wether it got home
without beeing broke or inchert

Derect yor leter as yothel to the Secont devision
but leaf out the nomber of the bregate for it has
bin Canged from yor brother Jacob Uhl

Camp near Murfreesboro
January 25, 1863

Dear Brother:

I take my pen to inform you that I am still in good health, and that I have received your letter of the 25th of December on the 13th of January. I am glad to hear that you are well again, but I am much sorry to hear of the death of Benedict's children.

You say you intend to get married, and you want to know what I think about it. I think it would be a pretty good thing, providing you can get a good woman or girl, but look out, don't get a scolding wife. You say times are most hard. I think they ain't so hard but what you can support a wife. You invite me to your wedding, but I think I won't be able to attend. Mother says my share of sandwiches are there yet, that I must get them. Tell her that I will be glad if I can come by next fall. You want to know which is my girl, so you can invite her. That is more than I know myself. I haven't made any choice yet, but I will send you my likeness (picture) that you can let the girls see it. Maybe you can find one who will take a liking to it.

I are still near Murfreesboro. Everything is quiet. The Rebels I suppose are about 50 miles from here, at the edge of the Tennessee mountains. Some think they will stand us another fight there. If they do, I think it won't be yet for a while. I had pretty hard times during the battle. It commenced to rain the day I left our old camp, and was rainy til after the battle. Our tents was left back, so I had to take the rain. It rained one night while I was on the battlefield that I could scarcely find a dry place to stand and keep out of the water and mud.

The Rebel Cavalry got back of us and take our provision wagons and burned them up, so I didn't get scarcely anything for 5 days. I heard several say that they saw several boys eat horse flesh. I heard several say they would give 25¢ for a cracker. However I had (food) til I draw it again. I take more than the rest along. I expected hard times, but I have good times again. I have plenty now. The boys stripped the rich farmers entirely. When I got there, they took their meat out of their smokehouses; took their chickens, geese, hogs and everything they could find.

I must close for this time. Take good (care) of this likeness as it was taken on my birthday. Put it with my old one if (it) goes in the same case. If not, buy a new case. I will pay for it. Tell me whether it got home without being broken or injured. Direct your letters as the others to the Second Division, but leave out the number of the Brigade, for it has been changed.

From your brother,

Jacob Uhl

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February the 24 1863 Camp near Murfreesboro Tenn
Dear Brother I am Still well and haf rote yo too
letters and hafent reseved eney anser yet the last was of the
25 of Jenuarey in witch I haf Sent my likenis v ar
Still in our old Camb ther is nothing mutch going
on now ower recroots haf Com about three weeaks
ago John Snider Sleaps with me now v was
pat today v reseved fore munth pay now tha ow
us too munth more I haf Sent one hundert
dolars to Bucyrus to Capten Kelers fother
whare you got Sum Before So goo too the
old man Keller and tell him that I haf
Sent a hundert dolars for you with the
rest and he will giv it to you if it went
throo I must Clos for this time rite as Soon
as you Can So I know wther you reseaved the money
from yor Brother Jacob Uhl

Camp near Murfreesboro,
Tenn.
February 24, 1863

Dear Brother:

I am still well, and have wrote you two letters, and haven't received any answer yet. The last was of the 25th of January, in which I have sent my likeness.

We are still in our old camp. There is nothing much going on now. Our recruits have come about three weeks ago. John Snider sleeps with me now.

We was paid today. We received four month pay. Now they owe us two month more. I have sent \$100.00 to Bucyrus to Captain Keller's father, where you got some before. So go to the old man Keller, and tell him that I have sent \$100.00 for you with the rest, and he will give it to you if it went through.

I must close for this time. Write as soon as you can, so I know whether you received the money.

From your brother,

Jacob Uhl

March, the 5 Camp near Mirpashoro Tenn
Dear Brother I will let you know that I am
still in good health and that I had
received your letter of the 18th ~~of~~ of January
on the last day of ~~January~~ ^{February} I think it was a
long time coming I understand you had left
your old job and went to the State of Maryland
money I suppose you and your wife got back
peace health and prosperity and hope to see
you all soon you say you had got the old
plaid I hope father will stay in one part
of the house you want to me about our me-
riroots that had been about a month ago
that was at Bowlinggreen a long time over
Company got 22 of them John Snider is my
best friend's Brother I am got merit to this
winter Doctor he is here too I had
asked him about you he said he
nothing to do with the Examination,
and that if you had State in the
hospital a while longer you would get
your discharge the day that there was
several complaints made to the Doctor saying
that he left Sonoway go that was not sick
he then got mad and set that he would
put them in the hospital first a while
and try them I had sent you a letter on the
27 of January in which I told you about the
money I had sent I will tell you in this year
if you want get the other I am sure about
it it was paid on the 29 of February I sent
one hundred dollars to B. W. W. to carry

if you get the money rite then so. I kno
whether you got it you will be at home farming
after this so I think you wood hap time
to do a litle on the Geolu farm if in your
place I wood plow it up erly before the
old ground gets dry an up to flow and so
Barby on the old farm and ceater on the new
farm then you wood plow it up next fall
and sow it in wheat for if you wood
rent it out you will get verry litle of it

ther is nothing much going on now hear
a hat a litle fun with Sum revely a few
day days ago I went out a few miles after
corn ther was Sum revely ~~at~~ horseback
joke that the wood take over wayers
take ther horses in the woods and come
making up thinking if the boat wat
if us the wood fall back to ther
horses but about the time the wanted to
run back over Cavley hat got between
them and ther horses then the was in a fordey
fire over infantry in front and over Cavley
on the back Sum run away a good money
was kild and wondet a about 4 hundred
was taken prizzer and all ther horses
lost but a few men I must close
for this time I remain your friend
and Brother Jacob Uhl

Direct your letters as folers
Jacob Uhl Co. C. 49 C. V. G. Decent
Oregon via Ashvill Tenn

15 March 1863
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Martch the 5 Camb near Murfreesboro Tenn

Dear Brother I will lut you that I am

Still in goot helth and that I haf

reseaved yor leter of the 18 <on the> of Jenuarey

on the last day of <aprel> ↑febuarey↓ I think it was a

long time acoming I understand you haf left

yor old Sate and went to the State of materey

money I weasch you and yor Wife goot luck

peas helth and prosparety and hope to Seea

you all Soon you Say you haf bot the old

plais I Sopos fother will Stay in one part

of the hous you wantet to no about our new

recroots tha haf Com about a munth ago

tha was at Bolinggreen a long time ower

Compeney got 22 of them. John Snider is mey

betfellow his Brother Sam got merit to this

winder Doctor lee is hear too I <tolk>

asket him about you hea Set he hat

nothing to doo with the Examening

and that if you hat State in the

hospitel a while longer you wood got

yor discharge the Sed that ther was

Severl Complains mait to the Docter Saing

that he left Someney go that war not Sick

he then got mat and Set that he wood

poot them in the hospitel first awhile
and trey them I haf sent you a leter on the
24 of febuarey in witch I told you about the
money I haf Sent I will tell you in this one
So if you wont git the other So you kno about
it v was pait on the 24 of febuarey I Sent
one hundert dolars to Bucyrus to Capten
Kellers father whare you got money before

if you git the money rite Son So I kno
whether you gotit you will be at hom farming
after this So I think you wood haf time
to doo a litil on the Ceola farm if in yor
plase I wood plow it up erly before the
old grownd gits drey anuf to plow and So
Barley on the old pard and oatce on the new
pard then you Coot plow it up next fall
and Sow it in Wheete for if you will
rent it out you will get werey litel of it
thar is nothing mutch going on now hear
v hat alitel fun with sum revels a feu
days ago v went out a few mils after
Corn thar was Sum revels horsback
tha thot tha wood take ower wagens
tha tite ther horses in the woods and Com
Sneaking up thinking if tha Coot not
whip us tha wood fall back to ther
horses but about the time tha wonted to
run back ower Cavelrey hat got between
them and ther horses then tha was in a pordey
fix ower infentrey in frunt and ower Cavelrey
on ther back Sum run away a goot meney
was kiled and wondet about 4 hundert
was taken prisner and all ther horses

v lost but a few men I must Close
for this time I remain your friend
and Brother Jacob Uhl

Derect yor leters as folers
Jacob Uhl Co. C. 49 o.v.[g?] Secont
Devision via Nashvill Tenn

Camp near Murfreesboro,
Tenn.

March 5, 1863

Dear Brother:

I will let you know that I am still in good health, and that I have received your letter of the 18th of January, on the last day of February. I think it was a long time a coming.

I understand you have left your old state, and went to the state of matrimony. I wish you and your wife good luck, peace, health, and prosperity, and hope to see you all soon.

You say you have bought the old place. I suppose father will stay in one part of the house.

You wanted to know about our new recruits. They have come about a month ago. They was at Bowling Green a long time. Our company got 22 of them. John Snider is my bedfellow. His brother Sam got married too this winter.

Doctor Lee is here too. I asked him about you. He said he had nothing to do with the examination, and that if you had stayed in the hospital a while longer, you would (have) got your discharge. He said that there was several complaints made to the Doctor, saying that he left so many go that was not sick. He then got mad, and said that he would put them in the hospital first. a while and try them out.

I have sent you a letter on the 24th of February, in which I told you about the money I have sent. I will tell you in this again, so if you won't get the other, so you know about it. We was paid on the 24th of February. I sent \$100.00 to Bucyrus to Captain Keller's father, where you got money before. If you get the money, write soon, so I know whether you got it.

You will be at home farming after this, so I think you would have time to do a little on the Oseola (?) farm. If in your place, I would plow it up early before the old ground gets dry enough to plow, and sow barley on the old part, and oats on the new part. Then you could plow it up next fall, and sow it in wheat. For if you will rent it out, you will get very little of it.

There is nothing much going on now here. We had a little fun with some Rebels a few days ago. We went out a few miles after corn. There was some Rebels on horseback. They thought they would take our wagons. They hide their horses in the woods, and come sneaking up, thinking if they could not whip us, they would fall back to their horses. But about the time they wanted to run, back, our Cavalry had got between them and their horses. Then they was in a pretty fix. Our Infantry in front, and our Cavalry on the back. Some ran away. A good many was killed and wounded. About 400 was taken prisoner, and all their horses. We lost but a few men.

I must close for this time.

I remain your friend and brother,

Jacob Uhl

Direct your letters as follows:

Jacob Uhl
Company C
49th O.A.J.
Second Division
via Nashville, Tennessee

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Sunday Murfreesboro the 12 of Aprile Tennessee
Dear Brother I haf reseaved yor leter of the 7
to day and saw that you are all well I am the Same
I haf reseaved yor leter of the 25 of <april> [↑]martch✓ on the 8
of Ap and ansert it on the nine 9 in witch I tolt you
how I haf Sent the Money and about Som
money that I hof give John Snyder witch his
Brother Sanyel will givee you when you git out thar
I haf Sent you anorder and som persimen Seedes
Sum froot like plums I will Sent you Som more
for I think mebey it is lost for the mail train
was throat of the track bey the revels between hear
and nashvill about the time mey leter was going
tha burnt up the train taking the pasingers all
prissner and taking a got deal of money the
pay masters beang hear a goot deal of money is Sent
you Say in yor last leter that the money has
got thar I am glad it has got thare
tell mee how mutch Do you get (?) and how mutch
the tax last foll and the intrress of yor money
till now how mutch it all iss thinges beeing
not Safe to Sent money I will mebey Sent
eney mebey till John Snyder gos home
the rest that I o Father I will pay him Soon
when you rite agane tell me whether you got mey

leter of the 9 I must Clos for this time
rite Soon I reman yor Kinde Brother

Jacob Uhl

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Sunday, April 12, 1863

Dear Brother:

I have received your letter of the 7th today, and saw that you are all well. I am the same. I have received your letter of the 25th of March on the 8th of April, and answered it on the 9th, in which I told you how I have sent the money, and about some money that I have give John Snyder, which his brother Samuel will give you when you get out there.

I have sent you an order (?) and some persimmon seeds, some fruit like plums. I will send your mon more, for I think maybe it is lost. For the amil train was throwed off the track by the Rebels between here and Nashville, about the time my letter was going. They burnt up the train, taking the passengers all prisoners, and taking a good deal of money. The paymaster being here, and good deal of money is sent.

You say in your last letter that the money has got there. I am glad. That it has got there. Tell me how much due you yet, and how much the tax last fall, and the interest of your money til now. How much it all is, things geing not safe to send money, I will maybe (not) send any maybe til John Snyder goes home. The rest that I owe Father I will pay him soon.

When you write again, tell me whether you got my letter of the 9th. I must close for this time. Write soon.

I remain your kind brother,

Jacob Uhl

Handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher but appears to include phrases such as "I am not a doctor", "I am not a lawyer", and "I am not a scientist".



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Murfreesboro Aprile the 16 Tenn

Dear Brother I must rite you a few lines
this eavening to lut you kno that I haf
Chainget mey mind about Senting
money I haf reseaved both of yor leters one on
the 8 and one on the 12 of April I ansered them
both I told you that I wotend Sent eney money
this time but our Cabten is going home
to more to Ohio So I will poot 25 dolars
in this leter and he will poot the leter
in the ofis at Athren I Coot Spare 24
more but I dont like to riskit So if
it will bee lost it wont be mutch
if you git this tell me whether you haf both
of mey other leters and tell mee how v

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Stand now I told you that I haf gifen
John Sniter fife dolar his brother Samyel
will pay that mutch to you when you
will See him I muste Close for it is bettim
I am Still in got helth rite Soon
from yor Brother Jacob Uhl

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
April 16, 1863

Dear Brother:

I must write you a few lines this evening, to let you know that I have changed my mind about sending money. I have received both of your letters, one on the 8th and one on the 12th of April. I answered both.

I told you that I wouldn't send any money this time, but our Captain is going home tomorrow to Ohio. So I will put \$25.00 in this letter, and he will put the letter in the office at Athens. I could spare \$25.00 more, but I don't like to risk it. So if it will be lost, it won't be much. If you get this, tell me whether you have both of my other letters, and tell me how we stand now. I told you that I have given John Snider \$5.00. His brother Samuel will pay that much to you when you will see him.

I must close for it is bed time. I am still in good health. Write soon.

From your brother,

Jacob Uhl

