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Tombstone in Stowe's
Cemetery in mis-sp
MALABY -
Grave # 5537

Kurleys Karvings
Decorative Decoys
Duck Stamp Carvings
Antique Reproductions



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Dr. Gulliford wanted me
to let you get a look
at these. Just copy them,
if you want, and return
them to him.

Morgan

Camp of the 37th
Reg. Ind. Vol
Near Murfreesboro
Tennessee
January 24th 1863

My dear friends friends and parrents I take this
oportunity to rite you a few lines in answer to your notice
(?) January the 1st 1863 I am glad to hear that you all are
well at present and enjoying good health which this leaves
me enjoying the same We're hoping that this will find you
the same We are in camp near Murfreesboro Ten but my dear
parents we had a hard time to get this place there was
many a brave soldier that marched in the field with a brave
heart to do his country service that now is lying under the
sod slumbering in the silent grave far from their loved
friends and homes they are resting secure from the toils
of this world and the roing sounds of canon and the deathly
bombs bursting around them My dear friends we buried
fifteen of our brave boys in one wide deep grave secure from
the sorrow of the earth the 37th Reg. Ind. Vol lost killed
and wounded and missin t.46 (?) our Colonel was wounded in
the first days fight the lieut Colonel is now in command of
the regiment I wrote you all a letter a few days ago and I
gave you the particulars of the fight All I can say it was
a horrible battle our loss is estimated to ten thousand
and thirty one the rebels loss is estimated to be twenty
one thousand that is taking fellows out of this world at a
horrible rate. I think I saw near one thousand of the dead
in a place only to be through a certain
field. After the last day's fight and I saw the dead rebels
lying in sum places that thick that steping on the ground
poor fellows some torn all to pieces with our bumshells and
saw their heads off and som their legs off an d som their
arms this was a miserable sight of burning (?)
Well my dear friends I caint rite much more this time you
must excuse my letter this time most thid timr
only remaining your affectionate friend until death parts us
this is to all of the family father Mary and Sisitter
(?)

My friends farewell

Joshua Alfred

was my first experience
They were in the general
good fellows and towers all

to Lewis with our business
and said their heads off and
and their legs off and said
that says this is it
meritable light of business
and I will buy and
and I said I said
and I said I said
and I said I said

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"Guns to the Front and
Spades to the Rear."

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I for my part I am not willing for my Country and
her name nor money and I will not that
last drop of blood that this unworthy body of mine
contains restore this union I would rather die than
death of a Soldier as to live ^{to be} forty years under the
laws of the tyrant Jeff Davis who I suppose never
thanked his parents for raising him nor the Lord for his
being,

My dear friends I want
you to write and tell me of every man that
talks in favor of the South I shall never say any
thing of who told me any thing of the ~~scoundrels~~ rascals
there is some few of us that wants to know all these
rascals that we can find out and if we live at home
home they had better be careful of them else
we will tell my friends I must come to a
close this letter I have wrote at Spar times
I commenced it on the 1st of this month and this
is the 7th of the month

Friends you can see
my improvement in writing when I can have the
opportunity to sit down and write at my ^{leisure} leisure
and not having myself I must come to a close
with my letter. Do No more at present

Yours Still Remaining your
Affectionate Child Mother and Grandfather
And your stepson Mary and Fannie
until Death yours Truly Joshua Alfred

Murfreesboro Tennessee February 1862
Camp of the 87th Reg. Ind. Inf. near the City
Phillips Brigade Stegays Division

My Dear ^{Friends} One and all
Mother, Grandfather, Alfred, Aunt Mary, Aunt Ruth

I take this opportunity to write
you a few lines to let you know that
I am well at present and hoping that these
few lines may find you all well and enjoying
good health we are still at Murfreesboro, Tennessee

but I can't tell how long we will stay here there
has bin some troops moving forward a few days ago

I suppose to meet Mr. Bragg the report is that he is moving
this way to attack us here but I think that he had
better go on the other way and never show himself here

at Murfreesboro any more for if he does it is more than
likely he will be more sorrow than he was before

for General Rosecrans is a man that don't care
worth a cent and the less he is fooled with the better
it is for his officers that's trying to catch him in a
snare but I think they won't find the general asleep
as they suppose they will, well my friends time is precious
with me as you may know duty calls upon you and we must
pay due respect to the duty calls of our country which is dearer
to you than all friends of earth I think for my part
that I would rather see them hung high than hanged
than to see a poor rebel in the South punished the least
particle for they are in the South and they are more

Murfreesboro Tennessee February 3rd 1862

Camp of the 87th Reg Ind Vol,

Millers brigade Highways Division

My Dear friends I received your letter to day of the 27th

January 27 and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was all well which this heart is sorely reasonable well, and hoping that it may find you all enjoying good health.

We are still in camp at Murfreesboro but I cant tell how long we will stay here. one Division moved forward today to hunt for bragg somewhere near Tullahoma on Duck river about 35 or 40 miles from here the report is that he has been reinforced since the fight at Murfreesboro forty thousand of that is the case he has got a large army for he had 80,000 fighting against us at Murfreesboro. Our force here during the battle was 50,000 the first day that our Division was engaged was on the 31st of December I thought by the looks of the rebels that day on our sight that the whole South was there at Murfreesboro I was sent in front of our lines within 300 yards of their rifle pits and breast works I was sent out that morning before the battle commenced as a sharp shooter to pick off spies that were sighting around for our men I came in contact with one of their sharp shooters he fired and three times at me from behind a large tree the balls came and they whistled past my head like little bees

but unafraid and thoughtless of
danger I watch for the Chief and at last
I seen him step out to fire at me and
I just happened to be looking at the right
tree and when he stepped out I drew on
the Chief and he failed to fire anymore and I
think will never fire another shot in this war
than sharpshooters would. Climbing in trees and fire
at but we chose the ground to stand on so we
wouldnt have to fall so far as some of them did
I was lucky I didnt receive a shot in my
flesh my clothes was pierced with 4 bullets
in various places. I thank the Lord that I was
spared. I actually had no more fear of being shot
than nothing at all. We fell on all sides of me killed and wounded
and were out in clear open ground and the rebels was
in the woods we charged up on them 21 times in a regiment
and every time we charged they ran like scared sheep but we
had no troops to follow us up and by that means we couldnt
hold our ground long against 5 times our number we fought until
we ran out of ammunition before we was relieved the last charge
we made there was more than half of the men had no ammunition
at all or we would have held the ground the regiment
that relieved us didnt fire but took or threw rounds
when they give back and run over us like scared sheep
and as we had no ammunition got no compass and
we was compelled to give back that was the fiercest fight
I ever seen the musket balls and bullet shells and shell shot
crushing thru the tops of the cedars that we give back through
like a great wind and thunders storm over our heads the battery
that was with us had 40 horses killed while in action that day
So its more at present Joshua Alfred

Murfreesboro Tennessee February 3rd 1863,

Camp of the 37th Reg Ind Inf,

Miller's Brigade Major Division

My Dear friends I received your letter today by

January 27 and was glad to hear from you and to
hear that you was all well which this leaves
me reasonable well, and hoping that it may
find you all enjoying good health

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tell how long we will stay here one Division moved
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at us but we chose the ground to stand on so we
wouldnt have to fall so far as some of them did

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in number of places I thank the Lord that I was
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that was with us had 4 horses killed while in action that day
I dont know at present Joshua & Alfred

Camp of the 37th
Regiment Ind. Vol.
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
January the 9th 1863

Murfreesboro, Tennessee Millers Brigade Neglays Division

My Dear friends I take this oportunity to rite you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and hoping these few lines may find you enjoying the same.

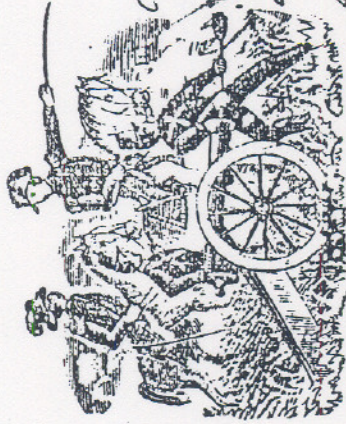
We are now in camp in Murfreesboro what there is left of us there is one hundred and fortysix missen killed and wounded in the fight at this place this was one of the bloodiest battles of the war it was nothing but a clear slaughter of men and horses

the first days fight we lost in our company one killed and eight wounded and two taken prisoners

the second days fight we lost one wounded and the Captain the Colonel was wounded in the first days fight our regiment stood the fire of 8 or 9 thousand they surrounded us on three sides and cross fired on us which slaughtered our men tremendously the shels and round shots and grape and canister flew like hail around us I was not hurt only me cloths in several places by musket balls from the rebels our regiment was in the fir over an hour where the shells and balls was that thick that we could almost see them in the air it was more like a thunderstorm than anything else only the balls when they struck they hurt more than hail would the air was filled with shells bursting cannon balls roaring in the air and cutting off hole tops of trees I tell you my dear friends it looked almsot impossible for a man to get out alive I think I ccould stand in one place after the battle was over and count over one hundred dead rebels on the field besides the wounded besides the wounded that they took off of the field themselves we buried their dead it looks hard to see thirty or forty thron in one hole and covered up like _ _ _ ing bruits I saw over one hundred in one pile of our men all belonging to the 24th regulars our loss is some where near ten thousand killed and wounded the rebels own themselves to over 27 thousand killed and wounded they lost two Major Generals [Sill and Hanson] I will rite more in my next letter So no more at

present but still remembering (?) your friend until death
parts us

Joshua Alfred



Camp of the 37th
Regiment, Inf. Regt.,
New York

"Guns to the Front, and
Spades to the Rear." (Company, I, 37th Regt. Inf.,
January the 9th, 1863)

Cherished
Brigade

My Dear friends I take
this opportunity to return a few
lines to let you know that I
am well, not present and hoping
that these few lines may find you
enjoying the same

we are now in camp at Newburg
about there is left of us there
is one hundred and forty
missed killed in a wound
in the fight at this place
this was one of the bloodiest
battles of the war it was nothing
but a clean slaughter

the Division was over their
side. It looks however to be
thirty or forty thousand in
total and the Confederates look
soodly indeed. I saw one
man who was in a full of our
men and he was going to the
11th regular our loss is some
where near ten thousand. He
and wounded the rebels and
then he was over 27 thousand
killed and wounded they lost
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more and my next letter

will be more up present a
few lines to let you know
of the progress of the war
and how it will be

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Murfreesboro Tennessee

Camp Thomas, May 23rd 1863

My dear friends I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and enjoying good health and hoping that these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing.

I received your letter dated May 17th and was glad to hear from you and glad to hear that you was all well. We are still _____ guards of Murfreesboro but I cant tell how long we will stay here the whole army is under marching orders and the most of the troops are gone to the front som 25 and 30 miles and are skirmishing with the enemy they sent yesterday 190 prisoners that they took from Bragg army the report is that the rebels are leaving Tullahoma for Jackson mississippi for to attack Gen Grant but if that be the case Rosey will give them their hands full before they get there and for this place all the Southern army couldn't whip Rosecrans army from here when these fortifications are finished they are the most strongest in the United States it would astonish any person that never _____ the like to just see these fortifications here and the heavy guns that we have on them. the 8 inch Short range howester weighing from 2575 to 8,500 and the rifle long range 7 mile guns 6 inch _____ lled shot and shell weing [weighing?] from 5.5.75 to 7.5.5v the forts are well supplied with these guns.

we have a gun here at Rosecrans headquarters that shoots one 1 at times [?] a minute works with a wheel and crank 2 inch barrel carrying about 1 once ball

I would like to see the rebels attack this place,

My dear friends I hope this war wil be over and the country once more at peace things mighty high here potatoes is 10 cents a pound or 6 dollars a bushel butter 60 cents Eggs 50 and 60 cents a dozen appels 18 and 20 Dollars a barrel

I must come to a close with my letter _____ No more at Present But still remaining your affectionate Friend until Death Parts us

Corporal, Joshua, Alfred, Co I 37th Inf. vol.

Memphis Tennessee

Camp Thomas, May 23rd 1863

My Dear friends I take this opportunity
to inform you that I am well and
enjoying good health and hoping that
these few lines may find you all
enjoying the same blessing.

I received your letter dated
May 17th and was glad to hear from you
and glad to hear that you was all well
we are still in our guards of Memphis
but I don't tell how long we will stay
here. The whole army is in the marching
Orders and the most of the Troops are
going to the front some 25 and 30
miles and are skirmishing with the
enemy. They sent yesterday 1,900 prisoners
that they took from Bragg's army.
The report is that the rebels are
leaving Tulahoma for Jackson
Mississippi. We are to attack Bragg's
Command but if that be the case
Rosey will give them their hands full
before they get there.
and for this place all the weathered
Army couldn't reach Rosey's army
from here where the fortifications

are found here they are the most beautiful
in the world. It would astonish
any one that never seen the like.

To quote these fortifications here
and the heavy guns that we have in
them, and the short range Lancaster

weighing from 2,500 to 3,500 and the
rifles of the range 4 miles from the
last shot with shell ranging from

5,500 to 5,500, the forts and well placed
with these guns here
we have a good guard here at Revere

and the guns that short, and on times, a number
of men with which and counts, which should
covering the whole of the city.

I would like to see the rebels at
this place. I hope they will
be over the country, and I hope

things is might help here. I have seen
found on the hills and on the hills. I have
eggs 50 and 60 cents a dozen, and I have

I have seen the
I must come to a close with my letter
So No. 10 at present. Best of luck

Remaining your affectionate friend
I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
Joseph, Alfred, Co., 27, 15, 1864

Camp Sill Near Murfreesboro
Tennessee April 8th 1863

97 Regiment Indiana Volunteers

Millers Brigade Negley's Division

Major General Thomas Corp of the Army of the Cumberland

Major General Rosecrans Commanding the United States forces
in Tennessee

My dear friends I take this opportunity to inform you that I
am well at present and hoping that these few lines may find
you enjoying the same blessing We are still in camp near
Murfreesboro we expect to stay here all summer the 68th is
now here in camp I seen Simon yesterday he is well and
in good health all is quiet here at present the rumor
[?] is here that Charlestown South Carolina is taken by our
troops I wish it was so if it be true I think this
rebellion is near to a close

Camp Hill Tenn. Newbern Tenn

Tennessee April 8th 1862

3rd Regiment Indiana Volunteer

Heiler's Brigade Major Powell

Major General Thomas Carr

of the Army of the Cumberland

Major General Rosecrans

Commanding the United States

forces in Tennessee

Dear My Dear friends I take

this opportunity to inform you

that I am well at present

and hoping that these few lines

may find you all very happy

and wishing we were still in camp

near Newbern we expect to

start soon all at once

As you are here in camp

since yesterday he is well

and in good health all is

quite here at present

The rumor is here that Charleston

South Carolina is taken by our

troops I wish it was so

that this rebellion would

