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Rodney, Michigan 49342

April 19, 1990

Superintendent
Stones River Battlefield
3501 Old Nashville Hwy.
Murfreesboro, Tn 37129

Dear Sir:

During our recent visit to the battlefield I talked to a very nice lady at the information desk. I informed her that my Great-Grandfather, Charles R. Brand was a member of the 9th Michigan and had been wounded and captured during Forrests' raid on Murfreesboro and had also been present when the 9th was Provost Guard at Stones River. I have some of his letters written to Elizabeth Jack whom he later married, that describes some of the battles and his observations of Army life in the Tennessee area.

She indicated you might be interested in the letters, so am enclosing copies of same. As they do not copy too well, I am also sending copies of my translations of the letters. I hope they prove interesting to you.

In one letter written after the Battle of Chickamagua, he mentions a George who was wounded and later captured when the hospital was over run by the South. George was Elizabeth Jacks' brother who was a sergeant with Co A, 1st Reg't, Mich Light Artillery commonly known as Loomis' Battery. He was subsequently paroled and returned to Detroit after the war.

If I can be of any more service, feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,


James G. Brand

Charles Richard Brand was born in Neustadt, Saxony, Germany on May 27, 1839. He came to Detroit with his parents IN 1850. He enlisted in the Union Army August 14, 1861 as a sergeant Company C, Ninth Regiment, Michigan Infantry Volunteers. In 1863 he became Orderly Sergeant of Company G, Ninth Regiment. On August 7, 1863 he was appointed 2nd Lt. by then governor Austin Blair. Evidently he never got news of this for he continued to serve as a sergeant until October 15th, 1864 when he was promoted to 1st Lt.

He participated in all battles in which his regiment was engaged mainly Stones River and Chickamauga. He also was slightly wounded by a buckshot and captured during a raid by General N.B. Forest's cavalry brigade at Murfreesboro. He and the rest of the prisoners were paroled and after rejoining his unit he spent the remainder of his service in Tennessee. On June 21, 1865 he was appointed Asst. Commandant of the Union prison at Nashville and continued in that post until sent home for mustering out on September 15, 1865.

On February 20, 1866 he married Elizabeth Jack with whom he had corresponded during the war. In October of that year he also became an American citizen. He opened a painting and decorating business in Detroit and he and Elizabeth had eight children, one of whom died soon after birth.

Charles Richard Brand died January 19, 1909 after a years illness.

Nashville, July 24th 1862

Friend Elizabeth!

Your pleasant letter of the 18th inst reached me yesterday, and as matters of some importance have lately transpired in this neighbourhood, which will no doubt be interesting to you, I sit down to give you a faint outline of things as they happened. Saturday July 12th we received Orders to be ready to march in a day or two, this was pleasant news for us soldiers never like to stay long at one place, however agreeable their situations may be. The evening was spent laughing talking sporting and guessing the place of our destination. It was near midnight ere I spread my blanket under a large tree to sleep and dream. I dreamed of home and friends untill the shout, rouse up boys the enemy is coming! awoke me. Not thinking that there was any probability of an attack I turned lazily over, remarking to my brother I have seen people robbed of their sleep before now by the same means I am not going to get up, when a yell such as I never heard arose, the trample of 500 horses was heard and in another minute firing had commenced and men were falling around me like leaves. The scene was grand and terrible, a continuous cracking of firearms, the balls whizzing past us, the groaning of wounded and dying shall never be forgotten by me. In minutes out of 200 men who rose that morning sound and well, 11 lay stretched lifeless on the sod, while about 80 lay heavily wounded in and around our camp. 8 of the enemy lay there also dead, a great many of them they had managed to carry off with them. Sescesh finding that they were loosing men to fast retired, and our regiment or rather the rest of 5 companies took up their post inside of a close picket fence. We laid there about an hour when Adjutant Hull rode up, requested me to select six men to post on the corners of two streets, and keep the enemy in check. Arrived there I found six more men, with these we kept the enemy from our flank and great sport it proved to us. Anything within 1/2 mile, that looked like sescesh, was sure to get the benefit of a ball. About 12 in the course of two hours laid to rise no more. Sometimes maddened by our fire about 100 would come at 3 of us at full speed, when we would just climb over a fence step behind a tree and fire at them as they dashed by. At last I received orders to collect my men and return to camp as they had surrendered. Cursing loud and deep was heard among the men, and it seemed to me, those killed were far better off than those remaining; to think that the Ninth Michigan a regiment considered A No 1 among the army should have to surrender was maddening indeed, and to see men who had talked Union, turn round against us and southern ladies laugh at us was bitter beyond description. I hope to be exchanged without delay and if I get back to Murfreesboro a few men will have to suffer if I do get punishment for it. Next we were ordered to pack up our personal property and be ready to march. Our tents were then set afire and away we went. Midnight found us 22 miles from the old camp. The enemys force consisting of the Texas Rangers the first and second Georgia and the first Kentucky, all Cavalry Regiments, treated us civil, the Texas rangers very kindly, guarded us to McMintsville, 4 miles beyond which place we were paroled not to take up arms against the Confts States until exchanged. Tuesday night we started again for Murfreesboro and from there to Nashville a distance of 72 miles each way, where we arrived Friday night worn out tired hungry and sore all over, since Sunday we had only had, one piece of cornbread without any salt in it, a day. I received only one wound, a small ball, hit me on the side, but striking fortunately a bone it flattened and shortly after came out. Company B was Provost Guards in Murfreesboro and in the Courthouse when attacked. they killed 34. shooting out of the windows. The 2nd

Minnesota Regt and the first Ky Battery were camped about 1 mile from us in a good position they numbered about 300 men, but their Colonel - Lester - being a coward surrendered without a struggle. They shared our fortune in all particulars except a good deal of contempt for having given in so easy, while the Rangers respected us as having done our duty. We are now in Nashville, tomorrow we start for Louisville.---

James Kearney is well but stands on his dignity, he says he sent two letters and his likeness, but has received no answer.

I don't remember having heard George say anything in regard to his likeness.

I hope we will soon have a chance to make those miserable Canadians fear us, if we can't inspire them with love for us.

There if you are not out of patience with reading this letter, yours is far ahead of Job's patience. But you have a good idea now of what took place. I hope I shall see old Detroit soon, for without arms or anything to do, it is a miserable life we're leading. My address is the same except the place, which may be this place Louisville or Camp Chase, Ohio.

My best respects to you and remember me with a letter as soon as possible is the sincerest wish of

Your Friend
Richard Brand

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largely over, remembering to my brother rather the rest of 5 Companies
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of 500 horse was heard and in another six men to post on the corners
minute firing had ceased and of two streets, and keep the enemy
men were falling around me like in check. Arrived then I found
leaves. The scene was grand and six more men, with these we kept
terrible, a continuous crashing of the enemy from our flank and
fire arms, the balls whizzing past great sport it proved to us. Any
us, the pouring of iron on lead and thing within 1/2 mile, that looked
dying shall never be forgotten by me like success, was sure to get the
The 10 minutes out of 200 men who ~~was~~ ^{was} a ball. About 12 in. then
now that morning about 1 and 1/2, the course of two hours laid to rise no
lay stretched. Rifle, and the shot, white more. Sometimes smothered by our
about 80 lay heavily mounted in fire about 100 would come at 3
and remain near Banks. For the at us at full speed, when we would
enemy lay there also dead, a great just steps climb over a fence step be,
many of them they had managed hind a tree and fire at them as they

Midland is 25 miles from
the op. The enemy's force
consist of the Texas Rangers the
1st and 2d Georgia and the 1st
Kentucky Cavalry Regiments, treated
us as Texas rangers very kindly.
Gave us 300 Mintonville, 4 miles
beyond place we were paroled,
not to arms against the Confed.
States ^{exchanged} ~~exchanged~~. Tuesday night
we again for Mintonville
and we for Yachville a distance
of 7 days way, where we arrived
Friday. worn out tired hungry
and poor, since Sunday we
had, one piece of corn bread
with it in it, a day. I
recently one wounded, a
smatit me on the side,
but fortunately a bone
it flound shortly after came out.

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Louisville or Camp Chase, Ohio
My best respects to you and women
me with a letter as soon as possible.

~~is the sincere wish of~~
Your Friend
Richard Brand

Chattanooga April 28th 1864

Friend Lizzie

This morning while parading the guards my eyes fell on a person whom I should at once have recognized if his sunburned face and increased dimension had not made me hesitate. Walking up to him, I politely asked his pardon if mistaken, enquired if I had the pleasure of beholding Mr. E. Russel formerly of Detroit in the gentleman before me; to which he replied such was the case and expressed his surprise at seeing me here. He had just arrived from Kingston having finished the work to be done there, but is again in the employment of the Government on a steamboat. Gordon, he reports as well and getting very fat in spite of poor living and homesickness. Capt. Mansfield graciously gave me permission to spend the day as I pleased, so we had a walk all over town, climbed the highest hill to have a good view of the surrounding country and see the sights in general. Mr. R having gone to transact some business, I have some leisure time on hand the first half an hour since my arrival here.

We have to drill early and late and to study the rest of the time. So you see we have scarcely time to eat, sleep and play. Hard isn't it? As I remarked there is half an hour at my disposal and I do not know how to spend it more agreeable to me, than by writing to you. I had a very quick trip, leaving Detroit Wednesday 10 PM and arriving here Sunday 5 AM. The place looks as dilapidated as ever a large fire broke out the day before I came destroying a large block of stores.

Everything is quiet, hardly a gun is heard from one end the week to the other. We hear but little of the outside world nor is there anything important transpiring here. But few troops remain in and about town, they are mostly on the south side of Mission Ridge. We expect marching orders in a few days, still that is no reason why we should march as any soldier knows. Nor are we very anxious to go. The prospect of carrying a gun and knapsack in this hot weather is not very inviting.

How are all the folks in Detroit Mr. Gordon in particular? - - -

Enclosed I send the first installment of trophies from the Sunny south. The faded Flowers. I gathered them this morning on the mountain.

I suppose George has returned to Camp Chase. His time must soon be out I think. Camp life don't agree with me as well as formerly, not that I like it less but my health is not as good. Headache troubles me a good deal. By the way Edward Aiken has been examined and recommended as first Lieutenant of a Negro regiment. He feels proud of his promotion. Sergt Nuhfer has also received an appointment of this kind. But there goes drill call and the Capt. thinks I had better go out with the Battallion as he can't or won't. Give my best respects to Mr and Mrs Ray, your mother in fact all friends and accept the same for yourself.

Very Respectfully
Your friend
Richard

Write soon if you please

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well as formerly, not that I like it
but my health is not as good.

Brookside kills me a great deal

By the way Edward Fisher has

been examined and recommended

as ~~first lieutenant~~ ~~of the 10th~~

Regiment. He is a Harvard of his

profession, Capt. Kuyler is also

necessary an ~~assistant~~ of his

rank. But this case shall call

and the Capt. thinks I have nothing

and with the 3rd Division as he says

is correct. Give my best wishes

to Mrs and Mrs. Day, I will write

in part all persons and receipt

to the same ~~part~~

They ~~are~~ ~~very~~ ~~kindly~~

What some of ~~them~~ ~~are~~ ~~to~~

you ~~know~~ ~~of~~ ~~them~~

Chatham 24 April 1864

Friend Virginia

This morning while

patrolling the guards my eye fell on a

man, whom I should at once have

recognized if the combined face and

masses of hair were not made

me doubtful. Walking as I was, I

happily, and in the way of mistake

engaged of Brod's Division of Whalley.

Mr. P. Davis formerly of Westport in

the gentleman kept me, I think he

replied such was he was and giving

his address at seeing me here. He

had just arrived from Washington, having

promised his work to be done there, but

is again in employment of the Government

on a steam boat. Whether he reports

to me and getting my part in

advance of my living and knowledge.

Let me know all provisions you are

It seemed the day as
I pleased, in me not a word all
over from, climbed the highest hills
to have a good view of the summit
something not see in sight in general.
The Co. morning gone to transport some
necessary, I want some success
mine on board the first half an
hour since my arrival here.

The man to which easily and late
and to study his use of oil level.
Do you see how near scarcely time
to say sleep and delay. Had wind
As I remember there is a half an
hour at my side head and I do
not know how to stand of more
agreeable to me, than by writing:
in grain. I had a new piece of
writing, spent Wednesday 10. 34 and
during the day of 11. 34. The place
was as disappointed as ever a large
five books and the day before I came
choosing a copy. Think of stories

Every thing is quiet, hardly a gun is
heard from one end the neck to the other
The deer and bells of the outside
world was in their anything important
transporting here. But few troops
remain in and about town, they are
mostly in the north side of the mountain
ridge, the report arriving others

in a few days, still had to me remain
why one should amount to any extent
known. For one we may suppose to
go. The prospect of carrying a gun
and the prospect in this half matter
is not very interesting.
There are all the gates in the head
Mr. Barton in my pocketbook.
I send the piece of material
of Hopkins from the evening south.
The failed Review, I gathered them
this morning in the mountain,
I suppose George has returned to
Camp Coeur. He is not even
he out of mind.

Barracks G Mich. Infty
Nashville May 22" 65

Friend Lizzie

Your favor of May 12" came to hand a few days ago, it assured me that you were still in the land of the living which I had begun to doubt. We have been busy this month making garden; it has been rather difficulty to procure seeds but the Officer in charge of Cumberland Hospital has kindly given some. I have some ladies slippers in the garden which will blossom in less than a month.

My Captains wife arrived here three weeks ago, she is a very pleasant and agreeable woman. Since then LT Col Wilkinsons wife has come also the wives of several other officers, and several more are expected. It makes camp life pleasant to have ladies there. There is no saying when I shall be in Detroit, it will depend on how soon the Regiment is to be mustered out. If within three months it will not be worth while, if somever they mean to keep us this year I shall most likely be in Detroit sometime in July.

Nashville is full of paroled Rebel prisoners returning home. Some of them have money and will find their homes and friends others have no money and will find their families scattered and gone. I can't help but pity some of them.

At last the war is ended at least as far as hand fighting is concerned. As far as I am concerned I am heartily glad of it. I think I can enjoy peace and quiet after four years of toil and excitement. Our present way of soldiering is very easy, good barracks and little work and plenty of fun, take the place of dogtents hard marching and one Hardtack a day. And yet campaign life is the pleasantest.

The middle of last month I took a lot of rebel prisoners to Louisville one of them a young girl of 17 years. She figured on the rolls as Nancy A Wright 1" Sergt Co 'F' Crosbys Scouts. Our men captured her at Bristol Station she was dressed in mens clothes.

We have seen several women at the prison for speaking disrespectable of the President. They are very saucy and impudent, threatening to take the gun away from the guard at their door.

James I presume will soon be in Detroit. I hope he will get married and settle down into a quiet respectable citizen and father of a family. He has done his share towards putting down the rebellion. I thought perhaps you did not like to have him know I had your picture.

Give my compliments to your mother and family.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant

Chas R Brand

James & I were in the room he
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father of a family. He has done
his share bravely, putting down
the rebellion. I thought it wonderful
that not like to have done them
I had your husband.
I have my compliments to your
mother and family,

My Respectfully

~~George Washington~~
Fred W. Mendenhall

AM

Barnicks 9th Dec. 1845
Fayetteville May 22nd 45
Edward Digby

Your favor of
May 12th came to hand a few
days ago, it occurred me that
you was still in the land of the
living, which I had begun to doubt.
We have been busy this month
making garden. It has been rather
difficultly to procure seeds but
the Officer in charge of Cumberland
Hospital has kindly given some.
I have some Ladies' slippers in the
garden which will flower in
two or three weeks.
My Captain's wife arrived
here three weeks ago, she is a
very pleasant and agreeable woman.

James Spence will soon be
in Dublin. I hope he will get
married and set down into a
quiet respectable village and
father of a family. He has done
his share bravely pulling down
the rebellion. I don't know if you
don't not like to have some know
I don't give substance.
While my compliments to your
mother and yourself,

My Respectfully

Wm. Pitt Rivers

Dear Mr. Rivers

MM

Barnack's 9th Dec. 1845
Fitchville May 22nd 1845
Sweet Sophie

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Since then I'll bet Mr. Adams made
has some also the names of several
other officers, and several more
are expected. It makes complete
pleasant to have parties there.
There is no saying when I shall
be in England, it will depend
on how soon the Regiment is to be
mustered out. If within three
months it will not be so well
while, if never they mean to put
me this year I shall most likely
be in England sometime in July.
Charlottesville is full of rebel
Rebel business returning home.
Some of them have money and
will find their homes and find
others have no money and will
find their homes destroyed their
families scattered and gone.
I can't help but pity some of them.
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at least as far as hard fighting is

concerned. As far as I am con-
cerned I am heartily glad of it. I
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after four years of toil and excitement.
Our present way of returning is very
easy, good horses, little work
and plenty of grain, take the place of
depleted hard marching and one
board track a day. What yet compares
life in the "pleasant".
The middle of last month I took
a lot of rebel business to do in
one of them a young girl of 17 years.
She signed on the rolls as Mary
A. Wright 18 Sept. So it's brotherhood
Our man captured her at Bristol when
she was dressed in men's clothes.
He has now several women at the
prison for operating desperadoes
of the "pleasant". They are very
naughty and impudent, maintaining
to take the grain away from the
guard at their will.

OFFICE MILITARY PRISON
Nashville, Tenn., June 23 1865

Friend Lizzie

Your favor of June 18th came to hand yesterday and as it is your intent to leave Detroit I answer it at once. I am well as usual and should like to satisfy myself in regard to your health and wellbeing by personal observation but there is little prospect of it.

Genl Parkhurst had me detailed for duty at the Military Prison, with a name and office of an enormous length it takes me about a half an hour to write it, and to convince you I'll write it out in full --- Lieut and Assistant Commandant and Acting Assistant Quartermaster Military Prison Department of the Cumberland. There don't you pity me? If I didn't have two good clerks it would take me all day to sign my name and rank.

My duties are manifold and require my attention from 6 o'clock AM to 11 o'clock PM and to prevent the confinement from killing me I take a ride on horseback evry morning at five o'clock. The country around Nashville is very pleasant, and a gallop of about eight or ten miles gives me a good appetite for breakfast at nine. I have to provide rations, clothing and Garrison Equipage for one thousand men, attend to the cleanliness of the prison examine permits to see prisoners and keep the huge machine agoing as Gen'l Barrett who is Commandant in Chief stays in the office but a few hours from half past nine o'clock to twelve o'clock AM. I have very pleasant quarters, the best I've had since I came into the service. There is a great deal of Gen. property for which I have become accountable perhaps ten thousand dollars worth, which needs daily looking after. To give you an idea of my daily doings I'll give you a description of one days life. Rise at five, ride until six look after communications from all sources and open and read all the letters addressed to prisoners untill eight. Next look into every room and cell in the prison to see they are clean, give orders to the non commissioned officers about the prison, look at their and the Surgeons report untill nine and sometimes later. Breakfast at nine. Then visitors are admitted untill twelve whose permits I look at.

Consult the Genl what is to be done or undone sign requisitions and look over the books. At twelve the Genl leaves and I sit down to write letters sign Returns and attend to Quartermasters duties or go to town for papers and vouchers. Dinner we have at four as it is too hot to eat oftener. Take another stroll through the prison and see to repairing of cells, whitewashing (it is done twice a month all through) and other little affairs untill dusk. Then generally one or the other of the Ninth officers call in and we talk about of whatever comes up. At half past nine we have a slight lunch set out if we should feel like eating. From that time untill eleven I generally sit at the office window and listen to what is going on, when I light a cigar and take a final walk through the prison to see that all is right and it is generally midnite before I go to bed.

This is about the usual routine of work. I like it, time passes fast, and pleasantly. Once in a while I go to the Theatre or opera and Sundays to church if it isn't too hot or too cold or too rainy or too dusty. I hope you'll have a pleasant time in Toledo.

So you have Sunflowers in your garden. I cultivated Bachelors buttons very largely also a few sunflowers. Don't you think the two will come together?

Remember me with a letter within a reasonable time if you please.

Give my compliments to Mr and Mrs Ray and your family and accept my best regard for you.

Your friend
Chas R Brand

Address
as usual

Box 715
Military Prison
Nashville
Tenn:

Office Military Prison,

Nashville, Tenn., June 28th 1865.

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at five o'clock. The country around Starbuck
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fast at nine. I have to provide rations,
clothing and Garrison Equipage for one thousand
men, attend to the cleanliness of the prison
examine permits to see prisoners and keep the
large machine going as Genl Barnett who
is Commander in Chief stays in the office
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property for which I have become accountable
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for you.

Yours sincerely
Fred R Brand

Address } Box 715
as usual }

Walden, Ohio

Stark
Ohio