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Dec. 2, 1863

Camp Dennison, Ohio

My dear sister and brother Dan and Helen, I will send you a few lines to let you know that I am in the land of the living and I hope this will find you and all your family in good health.

Dear sister my health has been very poor for some time past, but I am getting well again. I have not done any duty in my battery since the eighth of September. In Georgia I was very sick part of the time and I got awful thin and weak, but I was sent from the South to this hospital ten days ago and I have got better every day since I came here. The change of climate has done me much good. I do not know what my complaint really is. I have pain in my left side and breast and part of the time I have a bad cough. The doctor told me my lungs were affected, but I do not know. I am in hopes I will soon get well. I am in good spirits and good courage and I try to think as little as I can of my sickness. I think that most of my sickness was caused on account of hardship in the army, and as I have been in the field two years and more, you may know that I have seen some hard times. I have been since I came out (he means since been in service) in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, and we had a fight in all of them. I have been in eleven battles, large and small and thank God I never got a scratch but once. I got a tap on my head at the battle of Shiloh, with a piece of shell, but it did not hurt me much.

I am in the artillery, it is called a battery. I belong to the First Ohio Regiment. Ours is Battery G. Our battery has suffered a great deal in this war, in men, horses and guns. At the battle of Stone River on New Year's Day, last we lost 24 men, 47 horses and 4 of our guns; and 6 guns make a battery. (He means there are six cannons in a battery) That day I shall remember a long time. We had not a very happy New Year's, but the next day we went after it again and we gained all we lost, and gave the rebels a good licking.

Dear brother Dan, don't never go in the army, it is a bad place. It is awful to see the battlefield after the fight is over. You know we have large armies on both sides, and I suppose you know that we fight hard on both sides, and when two hundred thousand men fight for two or three days, you know that the dead and wounded is large. Dear brother, at first it used to make me sick to look at them, but now I don't mind it one bit. Dear brother, we got whipped badly at Chatanooga in September, but last week our brave boys went at them again and gave them a good licking, we took 10,000 prisoners, 60 cannon and lots of small arms, and killed and wounded about 6000 of them.

Dear sister, you must not feel bad about me, I am getting well. Ann and Mary write to me every week and Mary gave me your address. I have good care in this hospital. The doctor is good and kind, but I can't get home. I am 250 miles from it and I not seen Margaret for over 2 years, but she will be here in a day or two to see me, she is in good health. Dear sister, let me know what you think of the soldiers. I suppose we get a bad name but we are not so bad as some think we are. Dear sister, give my love to Elizabeth, she must be a big girl now. Tell her to think of Uncle John and give my love to all your family. Write me as soon as you can, for I may soon go back to the army. From your brother, John Daugherty. Direct (to) John Daugherty 5 Ward
Camp Dennison, Ohio

Letter of John Daugherty to his sister Helen Daugherty Coyle of East Palmyra, N. Y.

Cincinnati
January 8, 1864

My dear sister and brother:

Received a letter last night dated Dec. 3rd, one you sent to the Cumberland Hospital and I never got it till last night. I am sorry my father died without a priest, but I hope God will have mercy on his soul.

Dear sister, Mary is not mad at you. The reason she told me she did not write to you, you know she can't write, and she has to get someone to write her lettersto me, and she told me to tell you she was ashamed to ask them so often, but I will answer all of your letters if you send one every day.

Dan wants me to tell him a war story. I will. well, one year ago last August, when our army fell back from Alabama to Kentucky, at the time my Battery was at Athens in the state of Alabama and our Division came to Nashville in Tennessee, we was left to guard that city, while the main army went to Louisville in Kentucky. Well, sir, the rear of the main army left Nashville on the 20th day of August '62 and there we was in the city with a small force surrounded with the Rebs on all sides. well we held the city from that time till the eighth day of next November, and all that time we never had a cup of tea or coffee, and almost every day we had to fight them a little. We got on well until the night of the fourth of November, and all that night we could see their campfires, and when daylight came we could see their cannon, and they began to shell the city, and in a short time General Negly, our commander, came along with 6 regiments of Infantry and our Battery, and out we went to meet them. when we came up with them, they did not stand much of a fight. They ran away and we chased them about 6 miles, when we were told to return. Well, on our way coming back on the road, one place we could see about 2 miles. The General and his staff were ahead of us, and we could see that something was up and it was near day with us. when they ran from us, they cut around to our left and got in our rear. well, we was ordered up on the double quick and when we came up there we found the Rebs, drawn up in line of battle, with a strong force. We got in a position with our Battery and went at them. We had 6 cannon and they had 15, and Dan, of all the scrapes I have been in, that was the hardest. For about 4 hours, 15 cannon against 6. My place on the gun is to lead it, or what we call number one, and each time the gun is fired, I have to swab or wash out the gun with water, for each time she goes off there is some fire left in the gun, and that day I fired 25 shots and had not one bit of water. General Negly, our Commander, watched me all the time and he told me on the field that I was a brave boy and a good soldier, but we had to fall back, we could not stand them. We fell back about a mile and then we came a good game on them. Our general put the 10th Ohio Regiment in line and told them to lay down flat on the ground, and then he put about 400 cavalry in the rear of them and our battery in the rear of the cavalry, and in a short time the Rebs came at us again, and as they came close to us, the cavalry was to run. They did so and then the Rebs was sure they had us again, but when they came within about 20 yardson the 10th Ohio, they all got up in a body and gave the Rebs one volley, then we opened on them with canister and we mowed the villians down by wholesale. The ground was covered with their dead. It was fun to see them run and fall. I do hate them and their accursed flag, and it will never wave over my head, as long as I am alive. I will have to close, but I will tell you about some more of the times by and by.

Your brother J D Box 1939
Cincinnati, Ohio

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John Roberts, *W. Dougherty*
1st, 125 Co., 2 Batt'n Vet. Res. Corp., 2 Batt'n Invalid Corps.

Appears on

Company Muster and Descriptive Roll Mustered and Descriptive Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated

Wilmington, Ohio, 21, 1863; Mt. Pleasant, 1863; Cleveland, O., 1863.

Where born *Cleveland, O.*
 Age *31* years; occupation *Farmer*; occupation *farmer*
 When enlisted *Dec 17, 1861* at *St. Marshall*

When enlisted *3* years

For what period enlisted *3* years

Eyes *Bl.*; hair *Br.*; hair *black*

Complexion *Br.*; height *6 ft. 4 1/2* in.

When mustered in *Dec 17, 1861* in

Where mustered in *Franklin, Ohio, 1863.*

To what time last paid *Sept. 31, 1863*

Punalty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*

Clothing account: *1863, 1862; drawn since \$2400*

Last settled *Dec 31, 1863*; drawn since *1863*

Date of first muster *Dec 31, 1861*

Present or absent *absent*

Co. and loc. from which transferred *1st Co., 2 Batt'n V. R. C.*

Remarks: *Transferred to 1st Co., 2 Batt'n V. R. C.*

Book mark: *1st Co., 2 Batt'n V. R. C.*

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