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Letters from:
William Smith
57th IN Reg. Co. H

Original mailing envelope



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Newfresboro ^{and} Tenn
December 3. the 1863

Dear Sister)

I take this a mighty glorious opportunity of writing you
a few lines in answer to the letter that I just received
the other day hit bore the date of November 24th the I
I was mighty glade to here from you and to here that you
was getting well I was soey to here that you had been so
sick I hope you will recover soon) now I am truly happy
to tell you that I am well and doing well and I do hope
when this letter comes to hand hit may find you enjoying
the same grate blessing now my dear sister I am truly glade
to here you talk the way you did about that that green
pup now all I want you to do is this I want you to
tell me all you here that he says about you and
when I come home I will settle hit with him I hant
a fraide to tell him what I have seds about him I
have tolds you the tenth about him so no more a
bout that at present) now then you say that you
wold love to see me I am shore I wold love to see all
of my folkes that is union men and wimen and
them that hant union I hate them as bade as a
rebel for they are worse than a rebel god for bide that
I have any I hope I hant I am too good a union man
to be disgraced that away now I now this is harde to talk
this a way but hit is the truth and I will holde up for

try to be as long as I live and more than that
the best way that tells me that I am fighting for
the cause that I must be will care to live under this
glorious union that I have fought for three long years
and I have not a moment's heart I right eyes a nation man or
woman will say with three hearty cheers that is all I have
no say in the union at present now right and tell
me if you don't think that is just right I have tired
of fighting for the stars and stripes which have waved
over me ever since I was an infant and now I have grown
up too a man and I intend too defend that as I would my
father so no more about that at present)
now how you went too school any since I left home
if you can tell me and if you have you had better
go too school as much as you can for that is a grate
thing to be a good scholar and a good scribe now tell
me if you got that letter that you sent too me if you
didn't I know you can right if you will take hold
that is all you want is to take hold and say that
you will learn too right any how now I will right you
out some copies and send them too you in this letter
I don't aske any body any diferens in writing when
I am a writing too ~~try~~ try there I made a ~~copy~~ ^{copy} I have
one the finest gold penes I writing with that you ever
saw now you must excuse my bragging for I will brag
a little now I will tell you something that have
gass and hit is this old grant has took over 20 thousand
prisoners and sixty pieces of artillery I can see the duty

prisoners since the every day I have seen over
fifteen hundred prisoners go a long here in
the last two or three days. I think old Grant will give
the rebels all they want before he is thrown with
them. The old 34 has been in the last hard fight I
have heard from the company since the fight and I
don't want to hear of anybody. So no more about
that at present) now when you right tell me all
the that is going and I will the same in return now
I will soon come too a close for hite is giting late I
still remain your true brother until death citem
by Sergt William Smith to his Sister

Nancy Smith
Please right soon
and I will in
return
excuse me for I
have any postage
stamped at this
time so good by

yours with respect Nancy Smith

Signed Sergt. Wm. Smith
this is in full I certify
that the above signed is right

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this sin cursed rebellion will come to a close
o mothers pray for your brave sons that
has went in the defence of that sweet old
plage that has wived over them from the
cradle o her is hit that wold not defend
but I will answer for one I will defend hit
till the last if they shoot hit down
I will raise hit a gain if I di by hit

I love my native land I love my family
and my friends now I have sed enough
for this time so I will hasten to a close
now Nancy be a good girl obey your
father and mother for hit is right
return by your ten Brother until death
Sergt Nathan Smith to

Nancy Smith

pleas right soon excuse had sitting

I wish you would get
New letters from
if you can't
send some me for I want
to see them
I hope I will come
home soon

Fort Stevens Redoubt Johnson
Shrewsbury Mass

Oct. 20th. 1863

Dear sister I agin sit my self down
to right you afew lines to let you
now how I am qiting along I am truely
glad to tell you that I am still alive and
on the land a mong the living and all right
now I do hope this letter will find you
Enjoying the same grate blessing now sister
I wold be truely glade to here from you
and here how you are getting along I heart
hered from you for some time and I wold love
to here from you again hit makes my heart
glad when I get a letter from my friends
I got one from David the other day hit is a
handell letter but passed my heart to read
hit I sent hit to father and you can here

changes I am for the old flag right as now.
I guess I must dwell longer on this subject
now - but has think for sleep in the night
and I must make some I am on guard till
then to this time and now I can go to bed
if I wish but it is a hard bed but but it is
better than thunderbolts has I fear women
and sleep well. I can gamble for a money
a time I have laid down right in the
written and sleep and hit a running site down
if I want hard a night to make a man
like the night of a self I don't now her
and I will rather kill a self than to eat
when I am hungry on one that will withhold
them they are worse than a self I hate them
worse now Shancy don't get defended at this
letter for if I don't and for the women
side as any I don't now when you will
finds me I don't now when for lunch taking
when I go to talking about the women
they has some way more men that have
fell in this way but most rebellion
a that the time may soon come when

but I needs and so the hand night I now that
no didn't night but he can night better
than that is not the sleep is too under
I guess they want much paper I don't like for
any body to have a sheet of paper no for when
they night to me for but is the bill of
all money to stand a letter in that style
I give no didn't now any letter when he sent
but now I can tell you that I give him
got I a big foot cup of paper please for
I can give him good when they night and
a letter as that I think don't has got more
under than to night such a letter as that
I think the man that not that letter
had better study his a he do before
he have a mother letter giving a treatment
letter for I don't care how good they are not
they want for for a decent man as
woman to keep at Shancy I can tell
you that I am a women man I will
fight for you till I die if that is
necessary to I don't care what the business