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Ransom  
Newell?

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[26 August 1862]

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Dear sister I  
take my pen in  
hand to let you know  
that I am well at  
Present and I hope that  
these few lines will find  
you in like manner we  
are at Richmond Ky we  
marcht 28 miles last  
saturday we came double  
back 3 miles we thred  
away everything we  
had but the government  
has sent us more we  
expect to go to  
Cumberland gap in  
afew dayes we was  
drawn up in line ~~of~~

of battle 3 times last  
sunday but the damned  
rebels dont show  
themselves we had  
a good time when  
drawn that turkeys  
and chickens to  
me and some of the other  
boys went in and  
captured the battle  
we fight them in and  
shot them and  
killed them on a looking  
for our dinner tell  
John that often think  
of him tell John  
that Henry and  
George me farland

give out on the  
road and about 25  
others I must bring  
letter to those folks  
I must go and get  
my dinner tell mother  
I would like to see her  
to all the  
give a kiss children  
my  
give best respect to  
inwaring friend  
good Bye R L Newell

Headquarters Army of Kentucky,

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1862.

*Parson H. Newell private Co "D" 90<sup>th</sup>*

*On this Regt.* a prisoner of war, captured by the Confederate troops under GENERAL KIRBY SMITH, and this day paroled, do solemnly swear that I will not take arms against the Confederate States, that I will neither give aid nor comfort to the enemies thereof, nor communicate any military information to them, until duly exchanged according to the usages of war. The violation of this parole will be punished with death.

*Witness*  
*Thos. B. Vancey*

*Parson H. Newell*  
*mark*



UNION

1862

January the 26

Dear father I take  
pen in hand to let  
you know that  
I am well and  
I hope that these  
few lines will  
find you in like  
manner we arrived  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of the  
month at Memphis  
Tennessee we are  
in camp about  
one half mile from  
the town in fort  
Pickens we had  
a good time a few  
days down we stoped  
at Cairo Ill and at  
Illand No 10 and at  
Columbus Ky

tell John that <sup>the</sup> Bay  
are all well <sup>and</sup> wish that  
he was along flave  
Benidick came at  
along with us he like  
solger in fast rate  
wee have a camp of  
Negros there is  
about 5000<sup>th</sup>

Last Sunday I  
saw some of the  
forty six they are  
grand Punition

~~John~~  
John garnet left  
here at boat week  
ago I send my  
best respect to all  
my friends  
I must quit  
~~me~~ I

Direct your letter  
to Memphis Tenn In care  
Capt Taylor 95 regi  
Co D O V I  
farewell  
Dear father  
Pansome & C  
Newell



The boys are all  
well except bad  
colds give my  
best respect to  
Cousin Mary tell  
her that I will  
write to her as soon  
as I get time  
give a kiss

all the children  
Dear sister I  
most briny my  
letter to a loss

Respectfully your  
Brother  
Ramsome H. Newell

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Memphis Tenn  
Dear Father I  
have my pen  
hard to write  
you a few lines to  
let you know that  
I am well at present  
and I hope that these  
few lines will  
find you in like  
manner I have been  
sick with the  
measles but I am  
well now I like  
this part of the  
country very well  
Memphis is a very  
large town but  
war has stoped all  
business well as

an camp weight on  
the banks of the  
river in fact  
pickering it is  
a very large fort  
there is a boat  
twenty thousand  
soldiers it wears  
here a boat ten  
dayes in a week there  
is a boat six  
inches of mud all  
the time we  
have drawn a my  
money yet but  
I think that we  
shall be for long and  
then I will send  
some money home  
I wrote you a  
letter a boat two  
weeks to go and

have not received  
any answer Dear  
Father I must ~~bring~~  
~~my~~ bring my  
letter to a house  
your even ditill son  
Ransome H. Newell

Dear sister  
it is with pleasure  
sit down to write  
you a few lines  
I think of home  
very often and wish  
that I was there  
tell mother that  
I would like to  
have some of her  
mincepi and her  
good bak

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
1863

Memphis Tenn

Dear sisters I sit  
down to write you  
a few lines to  
inform you that  
I am well and I  
hope that these few  
lines will find you  
in like manner  
I had the measles  
but I am well  
I am in the hospital  
Frank Leckiter is  
very sick with the  
measles but he is  
getting better all the  
rest of the boys are  
all well and in

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spirit To have Buxidre  
is here and likes it  
very well tell once  
that he is well  
and wants him to  
write tell John  
that I have wishes  
he was along and  
do I tell John that  
I send my best  
respect to him and  
that he may go  
through this war un  
harmmed I wish that  
I was at home to  
take one sleigh ride  
we dont see nothing  
but mud her I  
received your letter the  
13 and was glad to  
hear from you and I  
hope that you wont

forget to answer my letter  
I wish that you would  
send me some postage  
stamps I would be  
very glad for I have  
few I must write  
letters for I must go  
to dinner give my best  
respect to all in  
overrining friend.

respeccly yours

afectionated

Brother  
Ransome H Newell  
Dont forget to  
write soon  
good by

[3 March 1863]

letter to close  
for I am getting  
tired your Brother  
Ransom G Newell

Memphis Tenn

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear sister it is  
with pleasure that I  
sit down to write you  
a few lines to in-  
form you how iam  
I have bin partly  
sick but I am  
beter now and I  
hope that these  
few lines will find  
you well I ~~with~~  
I recieved your letter  
2 of March and was  
glad to hear from you  
I was glad to get  
the stamp you sent

Lydia C Newell  
Washington Co  
Franklin Co  
Ohio



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speling I must bring  
my letter to a  
close I want you to  
write to me as soon  
as you get this one  
tell pa and ma that  
I would like to see  
them very much  
Ransom H. Rawell

March 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

Memphis Tenn  
Dear sister it is  
with pleasure that I  
sit down to write you  
a few lines to  
let you know that  
I am well and hope  
that these few lines  
will find you the  
same. Lydia I wish  
you could be here to  
see the blue birds  
sing the sun shines  
all the time and  
it is very ~~pleas~~  
pleasant wether we  
have moved out  
of fort pickering

About one  
mile from town  
we are encamp in  
a beautiful grove  
of timber Lydia  
~~will~~ tell wash willson  
and Lydia willson  
that I would like  
to help them sugar  
off tell maria hawks  
that I would like very  
~~much~~ much to see her  
and be at home we would  
have some fun I would  
like to go <sup>to</sup> one or to  
more dances but  
I repeat that I will  
have to wait till  
the war is over  
tell maria that I  
will write to her as

soon as I get time  
tell Cousin mary that  
I will write to her  
as soon as I get ~~the~~ time  
tell her that I would  
very well to see her  
tell her that I would  
like to have her write  
to me as soon as  
she can tell rhody and  
beckey beckites that  
I send my best  
respect to them and  
all inquiring friends  
tell them that the  
boys are all well and  
full of fun and plenty  
to eat and thats all  
they want  
yo must excuse my  
bad writing and



March 9<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Dear sister it is with  
pleasure that I  
sit down to let you  
know that I am  
well and hope that  
these few lines will  
find you the same and  
all the rest of the  
neighbors I like I am  
very well it is very  
pleasant wether down  
here it looks like spring  
the boys are all  
well and think they  
will be at home  
to ganst the first of  
June I think that as



soon as our army  
takes vicksburg that  
the fighting will be  
over and then I think  
the south will come  
to terms tell mother  
that I will send  
my picture to her the  
next time that I  
write and Lydia I  
will send you one to  
tell pa that I will  
send him some  
money as soon soon  
as I get a chance  
when Mr Leckites comes  
for frank then I will  
send it to you well  
was paid to months  
wages I would like  
to be at home to eat

some of mother's  
mince pies and  
some of her good  
cakes Lydia I  
want you to write  
and tell me if the  
22 battery has guns  
way or not tell  
pa to take good care  
of mi Colt and I will  
pay him well  
now I must bring  
my letter to a close  
for it is getting dark  
Lydia I want you  
to answer this letter as  
soon as it comes  
to hand I have written  
5 letters and have not  
received but 2 good by  
your brother R. S. Newell

**UNION!**



The Union of Lakes and the  
Union of Lands—  
The Union of States none  
can sever,

The Union of Hearts and the  
Union of Hands  
And the Flag of our Union  
For ever!

Mrs Lydia C. Howell

Washington

Franklin Co

Ohio



March 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Memphis Tenn

Dear sister I sit  
down to inform you that  
I am well and I hope  
that these few lines  
will find you the same  
I received your letter  
that you wrote february the  
28 and I got it the 10  
March and I was very  
glad to hear from you  
you wrote that  
Lehint was sick  
and now I want you  
to take good care of  
him I will send  
him som. money  
to by him som

Candy and I  
want you to by  
it for him I wrote  
to you for som stamps  
but you need not send  
any for I have ~~at~~ plenty  
the boy are all at this  
time <sup>well</sup> and like Dixey very  
well I have now new  
to tell you except that  
we herd that over  
men had taken 2000  
prisoners tell mother  
that I could not get  
to pass to go to town  
or I would have had  
my picture taken for  
her but I will  
get it before long  
tell her that I would  
like to see her very

much and father to  
and all the rest of  
the family Tydia give  
to cis to ~~the~~ all the  
children for me ~~and~~  
pa I will send a note  
for you to get that  
memorial you will have  
to go to Columbus to  
get it pa I want  
you to go as soon  
as you get this  
letter that note  
will tell you where  
to get it and now  
I must bring my  
letter to close  
I want you to write  
soon from your ever  
dutiful son  
Ransom J. Newell

your ever ~~young~~  
as affectionate  
Brother

Ransom H Newell

Direct your  
letters <sup>to</sup> fort Pickering  
Memphis Tenn

~~without delay~~

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

Write Memphis Tenn  
Dister it is with  
pleasure that I sit down  
to write you a few  
lines to let you know  
that I am well and  
that these few lines  
will find you the same  
I am at fort Pickering  
did whip Peter Higgins  
over sunset ~~with~~  
snuff and one are <sup>still</sup> sitting  
on the Bank of the  
river and writing to  
you we have a very  
pleasant time here to  
gether we go fishing  
every day and some

mes wee have good  
luck the regiment  
went ~~to~~ down the river  
the 15 doctor gill would  
not let any that had  
wreles go tell ~~me~~ <sup>the boys</sup>  
farland that went  
with the regiment I wish  
that I could come home  
and help wash with  
sugar off there ~~is~~  
I have no news to tell  
you ~~except~~ that wee  
here from Vicksburg  
~~once~~ once in a while  
I think the war will  
be over against the  
first of June and  
then wee ~~we~~ will  
get to come home  
and the wee will

~~great~~ great times  
I want you to  
write ofters and  
tell me all the  
news I will wright  
ofters as I can  
you wrote me that  
~~if~~ you I wanted me  
to write to you  
every week I have  
wrote you every week  
since I have ~~not~~ bin  
here and have not  
received but three  
and now I want you  
to write to me every  
week I must bring  
my letter to ~~close~~  
C. Close you dont  
forget to write as  
this comes to hand

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Mr Joseph Stewart  
Washington  
Li Care

March 17 1863

Memphis Tenn  
Dear Father it is  
with pleasur that I sit  
down to write you  
a few lines to let  
you ~~that~~ know that  
I am well and hope  
that these few lines  
will find you the  
same I am at fort  
pickering me and  
and about 6 others  
the regiment started  
down the river the other  
day and I have not  
hard from them  
since but I expect  
that ~~there~~ their  
destination was ~~mem~~

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sicksburg the boys  
was in good health  
very cheerful when  
the boat went down  
the river the boys  
was playing yarekee  
Dad Dolly Dandy the  
wether down here  
is ~~pleas~~ as pleasant  
as may the trees ~~there~~  
are out full bloom  
and it is very  
pleasant sit in the  
shade for it is  
hot enough to roast  
a negro ~~to~~ to  
Death pa I want  
you to write  
and tell me  
all the news  
so it does me good

from  
to hear home  
pa I want you  
to write and tell  
me how the ~~children~~  
children all are  
and then I want  
you to write it and  
tell me how little  
bull gets along tell  
mother that I would  
like very much to  
see her I must bring  
my letter to close  
Direct your  
letters to R L Newell  
fort pickering  
Memphis Tenn  
and not the name of  
the regiment or the  
Company  
R L Newell

the invelope you must  
put nothing about  
my own name  
I dont forget to  
write ~~you~~ soon  
ever yours affectionately  
Brother Pansin J. Nettell

J. Nettell  
March 22 1868

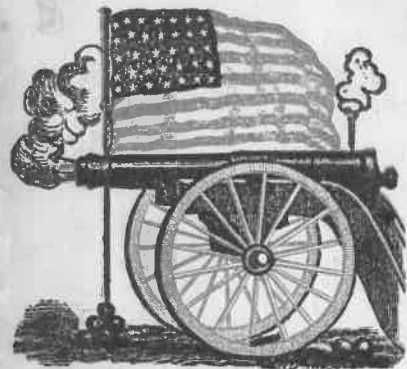
Dear sister it is with  
pleasure that I sit  
down to write you  
a few lines to let  
you know that I  
am well and hope  
that these few  
lines will find you  
the same I received  
your letter that you  
wrote the 6 and I  
got it 21 of March  
and was ~~very~~ very  
glad to hear from  
home but was  
very sorry to hear

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that little Clint  
and Rosy was  
sick you must  
take good care of  
them and then I  
think they will get <sup>well</sup>  
but you must <sup>write</sup>  
write and tel me  
how they get ~~along~~  
along and you must  
write often for  
you dont know  
how much good it  
does us soldiers to  
hear from home  
I have no news  
to tel you orley that  
the rebels burnt a  
train of cars last  
evening and it  
was that that they

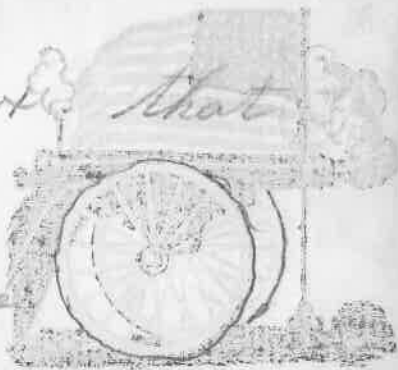
would attract the  
fort but they  
that they had better  
let that job out and  
I think it was well  
for them that they  
did tel me Mr Farland  
I got a letter from Henry  
and it said that  
the boys was all well  
Lydia is running to  
day and I can not  
think of any thing  
to wright so I must  
bring my letes  
to a close Direct  
your letter to fort  
pickering Memphis  
Tenn you must not  
put the regiment  
or the company on



March 26 1863  
Memphis Tenn  
Dear sister

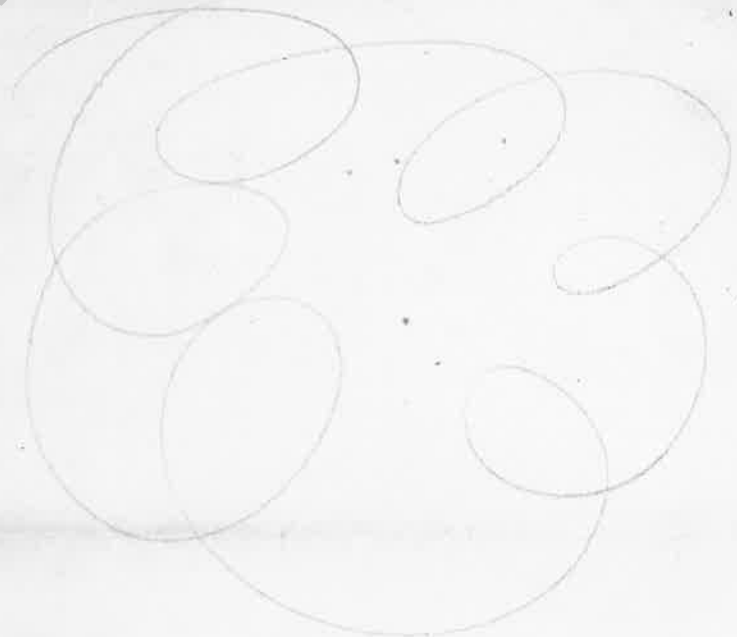
I sit down  
to write you a few lines  
to let you know how  
I get along I am  
well at present and  
hope that these few  
lines will find you the  
same Lydia I think  
that you would  
like to be down here  
so it is such a beautiful  
wether it is as pleasant as  
may the trees are all  
clothed in their mantle  
of green I would like to  
come home to about  
two weeks and help some  
of the people make war

tel Dr willer that  
I would like  
to help him  
sugar off once  
or twice



Lydia <sup>you</sup> said little Clint  
had the lung fever and  
the whooping cough so  
to I have ~~no~~ news  
to ~~you~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~tel~~  
you this time I have  
wrote you about 12  
times and got 4 ~~from~~  
you and now I think you  
<sup>shall</sup> betes busy up your cakes  
or I wil be after you  
with a sharp stick.  
tel mother that I  
would like vry much  
to see her and all  
rest of you I must  
bring my letter to

to lose give a kisse to  
children for me  
~~your~~  
from your affectionate  
Brother R L Newell  
give my best respect  
to all in quiering  
Friend



Memphis Tenn

March 30 1868

Fort Pickering

Memphis Tenn

Dear sister I sit down  
to <sup>write</sup> you a few lines to  
inform you that I am  
and well hope that these  
few lines will find  
you the same Lydia I  
received your letter that  
you wrote ~~that~~ the C and  
was very glad to hear  
from you you said  
little Clint was <sup>very</sup>  
sick I am very sorry  
to hear that bad news  
but I hope he will soon  
recover. Lydia I have  
not much news to tell  
you this time onley  
that it is very hard

times and pleasant  
wether I think that I  
will go to my regiment  
~~and~~ ~~before~~ before long for  
as I am as well as I was  
when I left home  
I want you to write  
and tell me who  
Elin & sweet married  
tell me some farland  
that I got a letter  
from George that they  
~~was~~ ~~all~~ ~~boys~~ ~~and~~  
boys was all well  
and full from Iydia  
want you to write  
to me and tell me  
whether uncle Henry  
has ~~now~~ moved down  
on his new place  
or not for I would  
like to here from

him you must  
write and tell me  
all the news for you  
know how much  
good it does me to  
hear from home and  
I will write and tell  
you all the news but  
it will be very little  
for we dont have much  
it is the general  
opinion that the war  
will soon be over  
and I think so my  
self I must bring  
my letter to  
close give my love  
to pa ma and all  
the children write  
soon & Direct your  
letters to R H Newell  
1 Fort Pickering

April 1. 1863

Just picking down terms  
Dear Father I sit down to  
<sup>write</sup> you a few lines to inform  
you that I am well and  
hope that these few ~~few~~  
lines will find you  
the same as I have had  
pretty good time since  
I have bin down in  
Downindiry I have not  
stood guard but once  
since I have bin here  
but expect to be fore  
long for I think that  
I will go to my regiment  
at bout the first of may  
if nothing hapens more  
than I know of now  
it is very pleasant wether  
down here if you had as  
nice a wether as we have

I ~~don't~~ you would be  
planting Corn we have  
almost every kind  
vegetables but we have  
to pay pretty good price  
things are very high  
butter is ~~10~~ 14 a pound  
potatoes are 3. <sup>1/2</sup> bushel  
I would like to have you  
~~write~~ and write to me  
and let me all the news  
you dont know how much  
good <sup>it</sup> <sup>does</sup> me to hear from  
home I wish you would  
write more often for I  
dont get many letters  
from home I have  
written more 12 letters  
and have not received  
but 4 and now I think  
~~or~~ you had ought to write  
a little oftenes I must  
bring my letter to a close so good

~~Dear~~ Dear sisters  
I sit down to write  
you a few lines to let  
you know that am  
well and hope this  
few line will <sup>find</sup> you  
the same I have not  
such news to tell  
you this time but  
I thought I would  
write you a few  
lines to pass ~~any~~  
at way time Lydia  
I want you to write  
to me as often ~~as~~ as  
you can I want ~~you~~  
you to <sup>write</sup> as soon as this  
comes to hand I must  
bring my letter to a close  
Direct B. H. Newell Fort  
Pickering Mass term  
Know more this time  
ever your affectionate Brother <sup>B. H. Newell</sup>

April 2. 1863

Fort Pickering

Memphis Tenn

Dear sister I sit down  
to write you a few  
lines to let you know that I  
am well and hope that I  
in these few lines will  
find you the same I  
received a letter from  
you the 2 of pair and  
was very glad to hear from  
you. you said that you  
had not received that  
picture I signed for I wrote  
a letter home with the  
receipt to get it and if  
it dont come the  
captain wil give another  
receipt and then I wil  
send it home to you

~~you in your~~  
you wrote in your last  
letter that pa had  
sold seal and paid  
part of that Let I  
be glad he has done  
that tell I him that  
I wil ~~send~~ send him  
soon when we get  
paid off to gain that  
wil not be long we  
have five months due  
us tel I hear that  
all the boys talk a  
grate deal about him  
and would like to  
have him along  
with us tel him I  
would like to see  
him Drilling with  
their horses all in rig



Lydia A tel Wash will let  
I want <sup>her to</sup> save me about  
half a barrel of sugar so that  
I can have a big eat  
when I get home with  
I dont think will be long  
A tel Cosin Mary that  
I would like very  
much to see her and  
have her write to me  
tel ma that I would  
like to see her very  
much and all the child  
Lydia I must bring  
my letter to close  
give my best respect to  
all inquiring friends  
friends Direct Fort  
Memphis Tenn To R  
Newell

April 15. 1863

Fort Pickering Memphis  
Dear sister I sit  
down to write you a few  
lines to let you know  
how I am getting along  
I am not so well as  
when I last wrote you  
I have bin sick with  
the chills I have got  
them broke now and  
hope they will stay  
Lydia received a letter  
from you that you wrote  
the 6 and got it the 12  
and was glad to  
hear from home  
it made me fat  
about four pounds  
it does me more  
good to here from

home than it does to  
eat I was quite surprised  
to hear <sup>the</sup> news that old  
mother's death is near  
well with him much  
and hope that will  
be some widdows left  
when I get back there  
tell Theadore and  
Ananias that I wish  
to them much Joy and  
hope they will live  
a long and happy  
life together well I  
have talk enough to  
about anages I will  
put up my writing  
for a while becs I  
must go and pick some  
greens for dinner greens go

very good one awhile  
~~Miss~~ Lydia tell Miss  
Hyron that I have  
not seen Ed since I  
left Camp Chase and  
that I have not bin  
with it since it  
left for Wickburg  
Lydia I would like  
to come home and  
see you all but its  
imposable to get a  
furlough so I dont  
think I will get to  
come <sup>home</sup> until the war  
over and then I will  
come home all  
right. Lieutenant Peter  
Barber are both here  
Capt Taylor is let  
let some ~~with~~ with  
company the regiment

is down at Wickburg  
and I think the boys  
in will have pretty good  
time well Lydia I  
told you about all the  
news so I must  
bring any letter to a  
close Dont forget to  
write soon for from  
your affectionate  
Brother Parsons H. Newell



Miss Lydia Newell  
Worthington Ohio

1863

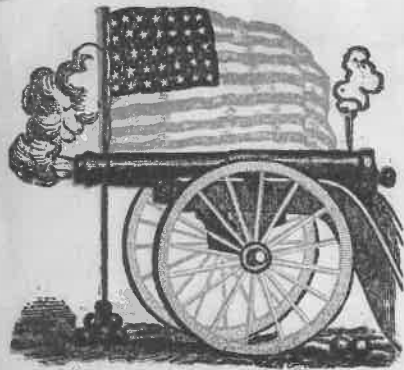
April 20 ~~1863~~

Memphis Tenn

Dear sister it with  
 pleasure that I sit down  
 write you a few lines  
 inform that I am  
 going to my regiment  
 and you had not  
 write any more  
 letters ~~until~~ until  
 get to my regiment  
 I have not much  
 time to write  
 so will close  
 at once give my  
 love to the children  
 and to ma and pa  
 and all inquiring  
 Friend Ransom Howell

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Camp S.A. April 28/63

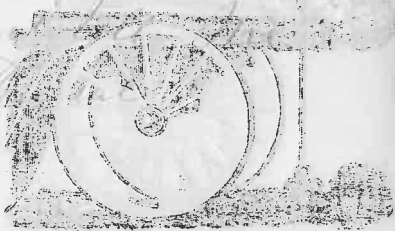
Your Sister

As I told you

not to write to me until you had  
heard from me. I was at last get to  
the point where the rest of the camp  
was. I found all my dear friends  
and they were all well and in  
good health. I have got pretty well  
and I think I can give them help  
as little as you now pretty soon  
I was one of the most comfortable  
places that you ever saw. In your  
opinion I think the best of the  
Savage Boys and I tell you that there  
is a good many of them here. I have  
found all the best and best of  
Regts of Infantry and Cavalry with  
not number the best of Artillery  
and more than all that I have

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Friend. I haven't any thing more  
to write at present but I know  
of none to me and I have  
all the King's Men.



Give my respects to all the friends  
and so

J. P. I. Direct to Memphis  
Ten. Co. H. 95 Regt. - 017

Adm. Regt.

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Camp near Youngs Point Louisiana  
April May 3 1863

Dear father i take this  
opportunity to write you a few lines to let  
you all know that i am a getting a long  
pretty well but am not able for duty  
yet but i hope this will find you all  
well and to or three of the boys in our  
company are hear our regiment left yesterday  
for some place but i do not now where  
but i expect they will be in a fight be  
fore long we are encamped on the bank  
of the missipy river on the west side a  
bout fifteen miles from Vicksburg  
the country hear looks very well considring  
whare a large army has been there is no  
crop raised hear this year the overs has all  
left there plantations and there is no one  
to plant any thing we can hear canon a ding  
hear from Vicksburg and Haines Bluffs when  
they are canon a ding the report is that our  
men have got ~~the~~ possession of Haines Bluffs  
they ware fighting over there day be fore

yester day there is not much news to tell  
you as we do not yet hear we do not  
now when our regiment moves where they  
are a going to nor any thing a bout it  
i do not now when us boys will go to  
the regiment a gane but i suppose when they  
get settled we will go to them a gane you  
must direct your letters to memphis Tenn  
in care of capt Taylor Co D 95 regiment and  
OO i and rite one the envelop to follow  
the regiment and they will come through  
i be lieve there is nothing more at  
present pleas rite soon yours truly

R. Th. Newell



like to have him write Tydia  
you must ~~as often~~ write as  
often as you can for I have  
got away down here so far that  
I dont expect you will get  
many letters from me but  
I will write as often as  
I can the mail does not go  
<sup>up</sup> <sup>the river</sup> the very regular you said in  
<sup>your</sup> letter you had got that picture  
I find for iam glad you have  
got it I was afraid you did  
not get the letter Tydia  
I must bring my letter to  
~~the~~ close Dont forget to  
write soon truly your  
brother Pansom H Newell  
Direct to Memphis Tenn  
and write on letter to  
I follow regt

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Camp near Youngs point  
Louisiana Dear <sup>sister</sup> Tydia with  
pleasure that I sit down  
to write you a few lines  
in answer to a letter  
that you wrote April 21<sup>th</sup>  
I was very glad <sup>to hear from</sup> you I am not  
very well but I think  
that i will soon get  
better I am able to go aroud  
and hunt blackberrys and  
go fishing it is very pleasant  
now and ~~has~~ has bin for  
the last week it has bin  
quite cool. wether the  
regiment received marching  
orders ~~to~~ last week they  
went down the river  
be low vicksberg they went  
by land I expect they

had pretty hard times  
marching to Martin  
Flave Bendick and my self was  
left in camp with about  
one hundred of the regiment  
the doctor that wee could  
not march and keep up with  
regiment. Flave is ~~pretty~~  
pretty sick but I think  
that he will soon get well  
again for he thinks that  
he soon better now all the  
rest of the boys <sup>are</sup> well and  
harty wee are in camp  
about fifteen miles from  
Vicksburg wee can hear their  
guns very plain when they  
fire at our boats as they  
atempt to run the blockade  
I have not heard from  
the regiment since it  
left here I dont know

whether the boys ~~have~~  
have bin in <sup>any</sup> fights yet or  
not but ~~when~~ <sup>they</sup> left  
they expected to be in one  
before long Lydia I have  
no news to ~~tel~~ tel you this  
time for wee cant get any  
papers down here. Lydia I  
would like to come home  
~~soon~~ and see you all and  
get something good to eat  
once more for I am ~~getting~~ getting  
dand tired of unclesams grub  
Lydia if you see A. n. cee  
Bendick tell him that Flave  
is sick and wants him  
to write to him Flave  
has wrote home to A. n. cee  
several times and has  
not received any ~~answers~~ answers  
yet and you <sup>wants</sup> to see him  
and tel him that he would

bring my letter to close  
as far as I can think  
nothing more to write  
you must write soon  
From your brother  
Ransom H. Sewell



Columbia to glory arise,  
be queen of the world and the child of the skies;  
by genius commands thee: with rapture behold,  
like ages on ages thy splendors unfold.

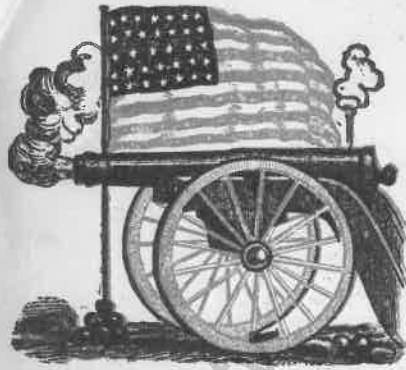
May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Camp near Young  
point Louisiana  
Dear Brother I take  
this opportunity  
to write  
you a few lines in answer  
to a letter I received  
from you I was very  
glad to hear from you.  
you said in your letter  
tha you had bin up home  
and had bin out in a  
sugar camp plaining thunders  
you must have pretty  
good time up there  
you can go home when  
you please but when

you get down in dity  
you will have a hard  
old time you ma think  
you have a hard ~~up~~  
time up in Camp Chas  
but it is nothing only  
fun to soldier up thar  
it is very worn wether  
down here the regiment  
received marching orders  
last week they started  
a week ago last saturday  
morning at 9. martin  
and Flave and mi self  
was left behind Flave  
has bin pretty but is  
beter now  
Flave wants you to  
tell Taylor to send

an ~~order~~ order for him  
and he will come  
back again ~~to~~ flave is  
geting sick of dity  
but i hope that you will  
have a good time

John I have no news to  
tell you this time  
but the next time  
that I write to you I am  
in hopes that I will  
have som to tell you  
I am in hopes that it will  
be that wicksburg is  
taken and the war is  
ended John forgot to  
tell you that the boys  
~~are~~ was all well when <sup>left</sup>  
here wcl John must

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1863



May 24<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Camp near  
Youngs point  
10 miles from  
Vicksburg Dear sister  
it is with pleasure  
that I sit down to  
write you a few lines  
to inform you how  
I am getting along  
I was not very well  
when the regiment left  
for but I am better now  
I cannot get to the  
regiment until  
the fight at Vicksburg  
over I am sitting on the  
bank of the river writing  
to you and watching  
the boats pass up and  
down the river I now I

will tell what  
I know et bout  
the great fight  
at vicksburg  
the first days  
fight I dont  
think was very hard  
for the last nine days  
they have bin fighting  
very hard night and day  
over camp is 10 miles  
from vicksburg  
the louisiana shore  
and you cannot hear your  
self think for the roar  
of artillery murthertry  
nights wee can set  
~~and watch watch~~  
and watch the bomb  
shells burst near Tydia  
I dont know wich side  
will gain the day but  
I think wee will

whip them out before long  
if wee succeed in taking  
vicksburg I think the  
war will ~~soon~~ soon  
be over Tydia I think i  
ha told et bout all  
the news tell ma and pa  
that I would like very  
much to see them and  
all the rest you I  
wish you would send  
me some stamps I  
must bring later to  
aclose is no more this  
time R H Newell

May the 24<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Camp near vicksburg  
Dear Brother it is with  
pleasure that I sit down  
to write you a few lines  
let you know that I am  
wel as usual the regiment  
went to vicksburg about  
three weeks ago I received  
a letter from you that  
you wrote ~~that~~ the 5 of  
May and was ~~very~~ very  
glad to hear from you  
you said in your  
letter that one section  
of the battery had gone to  
virginna and that you  
was one that was  
staid to go I John you  
had better stay at  
Camp Chase as long as  
<sup>you</sup> can and when you have

Mr. John W. Newell  
22 Ohio battery  
Camp Chase  
in care Captain N



will  
to go with of free good  
and never get homesick  
there is some ~~that is~~  
in our company that  
would give their weight  
in gold if had it if they  
could go home well

John they have bin  
fighting down ~~hear~~  
now for 10 days ~~is~~ one  
and ~~at~~ martin and  
I have ~~was~~ let behind  
is not in the  
fight we can hear the artillery  
and musketry very plain  
I must close for this time  
Ransom H Newell

To ~~John~~ John W Newell  
you must excuse this writing  
for the past awful days



June the 24<sup>th</sup> 1863  
in camp at walnut  
hills Dear sister it is  
with plesure that I sit  
down to write you a  
few lines to in form  
you how I am getting  
along I am not ~~not~~ quite  
so as well as I was when  
I wrote <sup>to</sup> you last I have bin  
sick with the chills but  
I think that I will be  
all wright in a few days  
I received a letter from you  
that you wrote the ~~of June~~  
8 of June and was very  
glad to hear from home  
for I had not hurd from  
home for three weeks I dont  
belve you write as often  
as you to or els I dont get

your letters lieutenant.  
arrived here yesterday  
and gave <sup>me</sup> one letter from  
you and one from John  
Lydia you said in your <sup>letter</sup>  
that you had <sup>not</sup> heard from  
me for two weeks if you  
don't get my letters it  
is not my fault

Lydia I went to the  
regiment last week and  
was paid of I sent 65  
dollars home I sent by express  
in a ~~pa~~ package with the  
other boys to Lorenswillcox  
tell pa that ~~as~~ he will  
~~had~~ hafta go up to Mrs. Willcox  
and get it as soon as it  
comes Lydia you ma  
have 5 dollars to buy something  
for the 4 of July and tell  
mother that she ma have  
5 dollars to buy her something

for the 4 of July and tell  
pa that he ma have  
the rest Lydia I ~~ma~~ would  
like to be at home  
and get something  
good to eat the dnd  
rebels eat up everything  
before we can get to it  
down here we have the  
rebels completely pend in  
Lydia I must bring letters  
to A. C. Close I will again  
in a day or two you must  
excuse my bad writing  
poor spelling Direct  
to Memphis Tenn  
and write on the envelope  
to ~~the~~ follow the regiment

~~Ransom H. Newell~~  
Ransom H. Newell

[w/ envelope postmarked  
24 July 1863?]

1 Knäpsack 1 P. Gasket  
1 Rubber 1 P. pants  
1 pr boots 1 pr W. Duvvies  
1 Blouse 1 Cap 1 Haversack  
2 Woolen shirts - 1 Cotton  
\$10.45 in Currency

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Mr. Joseph. Newell  
Washington  
Franklin Co  
Ohio

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Columbus, O. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Know Ye That the records of this office show that  
Ransom A. Newell  
was enrolled as a Private in Company D  
95<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Vol Inftry, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1862, at Worthington, Ohio, by J. Barber  
and was mustered into the United States Service as such for the period of three  
years, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862 at  
Camp Chase, Ohio, by Capt. Howard  
U.S.A. Mustering Officer, and that he died in Webster  
General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. July 7, 1863 of  
remittent fever.

E. B. Peuley  
Adjutant General of Ohio.

Ohio

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NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	RANK	CO.	REGIMENT	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH	REMARKS
Wheat	Richard	Serjeant	Hk	5 <sup>th</sup> Inf.	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1863	Murine & Ho. Cincinnati O.	Acute Pneumonia	John Davis U. S. A.
Wheat	John P.	Priv.	F.	87 <sup>th</sup>	" 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coon Ho. New River State Tenn	Chol. Diarrhoea	Wm. A. Banks Capt. U. S. A.
Wheat	Andrew J.	E.	114 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coon Ho. D. W. January	"	Alex. H. Hoff S. U. S. A.
Wheat	Burrill	Priv.	D.	36 <sup>th</sup> Inf.	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1863	G. F. Ho. New River State Tenn	Typhoides Febris	J. P. Finley S. U. S. A.
Wheat	Ignate	E.	37 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ho. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. 15 <sup>th</sup> U. S. A.	Treatise on Chronic Diarrhoea	Reg. 126 U. S. A. of 58.
Wheat	Wilson	F.	44 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coon Ho. Hickman Str. Ky	Typhoides Febris	Alex. Stewart U. S. A.
Wheat	George	D.	73 <sup>rd</sup>	"	" 10 <sup>th</sup>	Baltimore Pa.	Went to sleep & died	Reg. 557 Pa.
Wheat	W. M.	Hk.	73 <sup>rd</sup>	"	" 7 <sup>th</sup>	"	"	"
Wheat	Ransom Hk.	D.	45 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 7 <sup>th</sup>	Webster Ho. Memphis Tenn.	Remitt. Febris.	E. S. Strode U. S. A.
Wheat	Andrew	"	116 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parisburg W. Va.	E. S. M. of High.	W. P. Mann U. S. A.
Wheat	A.	E.	126 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winston Ho. Memphis Tenn.	Injury of Spine	J. B. Hoppewell U. S. A.
Wheat	Loucius B.	"	10 <sup>th</sup>	S. L.	" 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ho. No 7 Louisville Ky.	Acute Diarrhoea	W. W. Goldsmith U. S. A.
Wheat	George W.	"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Batt.	" 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chase Ho. of Chas Ohio	Dysentery	R. W. Davis U. S. A.
Wheat	Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	C.	16 <sup>th</sup> Inf.	Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup> 1863	Floating Ho. Nashville T.	Acute Dysentery	Henry R. Tilton U. S. A.
Wheat	Rufus A.	Priv.	C.	32 <sup>nd</sup>	" 5 <sup>th</sup>	Regt. Hooper	Acute Dysentery	A. H. Brundage U. S. A.
Wheat	John	"	C.	117 <sup>th</sup>	" 18 <sup>th</sup>	"	Chol. Diarrhoea	Jacob Huber U. S. A.

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