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Mrs Sally Little

Winnville

London & J. J. J.



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write & tell me all about
it. Well our Regt is out
on parade the general is
drilling them he is drilling
each Regt I recan he is
going to take the best writing
one for the fort. Well we
calculate to be hid off
the last of this month or
the first of next the horse
is here I cant send money
by express now for the exp
so wont stand good for it being
Marshall & Louisville advised
keep it till some one goes
home & I get to go we will
get 52 dollar I hope & more
coming to me in camp well
I will wait till the mail
is opened then I will finish
about little bobby little

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Dear
Camp near Franklin

April the 9th 1863

Dear Wife I now
take my pen at this
morning to write
a few lines to

you to let you know how
I am getting along I dont
feel a bit good for I was on
picket last night & I didnt
get to sleep but about
4 hours I hope these few
lines may find you well
I recd a letter from you
yesterday dated the 31st of march
I was very glad to hear from
you Well 4 months is a long
time shure but I am afraid
it will be longer before

I get to see you for we cant
get to go home till the
excitement is over & it is the
general opinion of the officers
that the rebels will appear
at once here & I heard of a rebel
being shot night. I tried to
to see a rebel as it was
shot but I could not see
any.

Well about our moving
we did not move for we
just changed to get a better
camp ground we are in 13
miles of Nashville I guess
we would be glad to move
towards home if we had the
choice. I expect you are
glad that quaking is over
with I know I was once
I am glad you are going
to keep your right leg.

I will come to see you with the
them when I get home.
Well I think it must be
a good year for babies
from the way they come
I expect for Keys feels like
a boy buys some babies
make a pair of a girl
I was thinking last night
if I was on guard how
I would do if I was to get
to your house after night
I could get it fixed yet
Well I must tell you all
my story it was the that
Margret had a bear one night
he was about the size of
Bill Wren he looked like
he was a cripple & had light
hair he had 2 sisters married
if any such a thing happened

Well the mail has come I
got a letter from Nate but
none from you but I am
glad to get a letter from any
body at home Well I must
stop pretty soon my paper
is running short I will get
a lot some of these days
Write soon as you can
Direct to Nashville Tenn
Co H 3415 and Vol care of Capt
Carter

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Mrs Sally Little
Harrisville
Randolph Co Ind

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Good Little
Sally & Little

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Camp near Franklin, Tenn

April 11th 1863

Dear Wife I now take the present time to write a few lines to you

I am well as common I hope these few lines may find you well

I recd your letter first now dated the 6th of April I was very glad to get it

Well I saw the Elephants Tail yesterday the 40th Ohio Regt was out in picket yesterday & about noon the rebels

drove come to the 40th & commenced skirmishing & a little while they got

at it in earnest the 84th got in line & waited for orders about 2 o'clock the

rebs drove the 40th in to town the rebel of the rebels ran a capt to the

Bridge & he had surrendered & was taking of his sword when the guards at the

Bridge fired on the rebs & killed one & wounded 2 more the rest run like

the devil, well I must eat some dinner. Well I have eat dinner we had hominy

I tell you it was good. Well I must tell you a little more about the fight

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the woman do me to from I will it for in con Carter our hands all small was here to do get is only of old I found & thinks as you the big another all for me

Well the rebs stayed in town a few minutes & then broke back the 40th rolled & as they went at they killed a good many horses & men about 3 o'clock the 84th started out on the pike that the rebs did I saw a lot of dead horses & I saw 7 dead rebels & two of the 40th boys were laying one side of the road. the rebs were the hardest looking men I ever saw they had beard all over his face & the most of them were shot in the head & face & fell & laid in the dust their faces were covered with blood & dust. there was lots of scabbies hats cloths & over coats &c laying on the ground some of the houses had corn meat in them some had corn dough some had corn dazer &c they were dressed in brown fustianse well we went out about 4 miles & our ^{advances} picked up got to skirmishing with the rebs & kept it up till about dark then the firing ceases we lay on the ground till about 10 o'clock then we started back to camp I saw 4 of the dead rebs laying by the side of the road I tell you they looked scary in the dark we got in about

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12 o'clock last night. I went over
to the 40th this morning after they
come in there was 3 men dead in camp
one was Orderly sergeant of co A he was
shot in the head it is 5 of the
40th dead & some 15 more missing
I tell you our big 24 guns howled
at the rebels I expect there was about 25
of them fired they were 24 pounders.
Well I guess I will drop the subject
& pick up something else.
Well we did not have Eggs for Easter
but we will make it up when we get
home. You need not believe any such
a thing as the 84th being taken in for
we always go out after the enemy first
& of course we can't catch them so we
have to come back. Well I hope
that fortune teller don't tell lies but
if you afraid it will be a lie.
Well I want to see you as bad as you
want to see me but we must wait
a while I think things will work out
all right yet so keep in good heart
if you could see the rebels & see how
they live & then see the 84th & see how
we are dressed & our grub you would

be glad to see me here in the Union
army. I dont see how the rebels do
hold out as long as they do.

Well I must quit & write some to
the rest Dumps got a letter from
Solly Ann & some to me so I will
write to her well I must quit for
this time write soon as you can
direct to Nashville Tenn

C. H. 84th Inf Vol cor of Capt Carter
I send little to
The Holly little.

Well George you must wash your hands
when you haul stumps or they will smell
rom bunkshons. George if you was here
you could pick up lead enough to do
you as long as you live but lead is only
a bother here there is on amount of old
axe & horse shoe scattered all around
I use to pick up horse shoes when I found
them at home but now I never think
of picking them up now. George your
ought to been here yesterday; I heard the big
guns howl. Well George I bought another
over coat for 50 cts it is most to small for me
I will let you have it as good bye
Me to George

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Father Coats I reced a
few lines from you to day I was
very glad to hear from you I am
well I hope these few lines may
find you well & hearty Well we had
a little excitement here yesterday but
it was more of with us but it went
near off some of the poor boys
I saw some of the rebels lying on
the ground that I cant tell was felt
any difference than if they had been
horses but when I came to two of
the 40th Boys I felt my blood
boil I did not swear but I heard
lots of the boys cursing & swearing
against the republican devil well I wrote
to Sally & told the story of the affair
as much as I could I was afraid that
that fortune teller told a lie but
I hope not Well I wish I was there to help
you clear I could tell you some big
toles but I dont see any prospect of
being there yet awhile far this is an
important post & the rebels want it

there will have to be a force here
all the time or they rebs will
make a dash. if the rebs would
fall back & things get quiet we
could get furloughs. but some how
I feel like the thing will be over
in a few months & then I can go
home for good. & if I were to go now
& have to come back again is what
I dread. if it were not for leaving
again I would care to go every day.
The boys that went home said
it was happy for them to leave then
it was the first time & they want
to see their folks worse now than
before they went. Well the pay master
has just come & guess we will get our
money this evening. Write soon
& often. Love
The Little

To James Coats

I will send some money in
the next letter to pay my taxes.

The Little To James Coats

Well I shall not
write much this time
I think I will get a
letter from you in a
few days then I will
write again

Write soon
Direct to Nashville
& as before
Jacob Little
Wally Little

Write as soon as
you get this & let
me know whether you
get it or not.

Tennessee

Camp near Franklin
April 17th 1863

Dear Wife I now
seat myself to drop a
few lines to you to let
you know how I am
I am as well as common
hoping these few lines
may find you well & hearty
I was looking for a letter
from you to day but I did
not get it I got one from
Don Hooper he said he heard
that the 84th had been in
a fight Well I wrote all
about it in a letter to you
lost Sunday so it is not
worth while to write it
again I was in town last
night as patrol guard there
12 of us & 3 reliefs I had Damp
Pot Dodd & Bill Way for my

relief. There was 3 soldiers
buried yesterday one was
shot on pickett. our Regt
has very good luck there
has been but few deaths
Clairborn West died at
Hookville last week he
owed me 5.00 dollars for
a watch but I guess I
will get it when things
are settled up here.

Well we were paid off the
other day we got 52 dollars
I want to send 30 dollars
home when ever I can I
will send 5 dollars in this
letter & E. Gray will get a
furlough I think for he cant
do any duty I will send more
by him. I dreamed last
night that I went home
& they did not know me
but I think you would
all know me. I would

like to try it my how
I wrote to you about Gus
Engle getting a slight wound
in his arm it thought by
some it will kill him
yet the Dr. did not half
tend to it & it is enflamed
& is very bad. I had a good
diner yesterday I and Demp
went to a house & got some
apple pies & the best of all
was a sweet potatoe pie
I tell you it tasted like
supper. Oh what a lazy day
this is it is hot & I expect
we will have to go on Bottled
drill but then a soldier
must take things easy and
he will be better satisfied
I notice these fellows that are
grumbling about every thing
dont get along half as
well as these that take things
easy.

Camp near Franklin Tenn
Sunday April the 19th 1863

Dear Wife I set
myself to write a few lines to you
to let you know how I am I am
well & hearty, hoping these few lines
may find you well I was on
post guard yesterday & last night
I felt a little sleepy. Well the
train is just coming in so by it
will get a letter I got wrote to you
and ~~sent it~~ I put 5 dollars in the
letter & there is a man here from
Nashland he is going to take a lot
of money for the site I was going
to send 30 dollars to him to you
I sent it in care of your Pap he
can get it at Old John Williamson
at the Depot at town you may lend
it to some body all of ten dollars
to pay our taxes loan the money
to some one that will pay it back
when I want it. Well George
Wood has died last night he is in the
Hospital at Franklin he had some

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kind of fever I dont know whether
he will be sent home or not.
it is strange the largest & stoutest
men are the first to die that is 3
out of our co. I recd your most
Welcome letter yesterday I was awful
glad to get it the next one you
sent to me you must braid some
of your hair for a wristlet for me
I want one to wear. You need not
be scared a bit about us being in
a fight for the sept don't go out
till after the enemy runs & then we
cant catch them, so we dont get
in any fight I wrote to you
a few days ago to let you about
the fight here at Franklin
I dont want you to be so uneasy
about me I dont feel like there is
much danger a soldier dont fear
getting killed in a fight it is getting
sick & dying that a soldier dreads
I did loose a big black ring in
Hungary born one. it had a shield
of brass with stars on it.
turn over

Well I bought 2 big apples
this morning for 15¢ they
were very good so I thought.
Well the boys have got some meat
& beans on for dinner but I don't
care much about beans but I
can eat them. Well we are going to
grow little tents just rows for 1 man
in each but we will have to carry
them when we march but they are
not heavy. I am going to write
some to your Pop. so I will
close now. You must write soon
as you can. Love
Dolly Little
I will write to you next
time.

Write & tell me all the
news. It is raining here

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Mrs. Sally J. W. W.
Harris
Kendallville, Ind.



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Well I am on duty to
day. so I have but little
time to write I tell you
what it is I can get 3
apple for 25 cts & small
ones at that but they
check Martin Cox was
here this morning he is
not very well
well I must go & help
draw notions that
something to eat when
I get home I will
tell you all about such
things so good bye
write soon

Direct as before
I send little
to Sally Little

Franklin Penn

April 23rd 63

Dear Wife

I now take my pen to
drop a few lines to you
to let you know how
I am getting along I am
well & hearty I hope these
few lines will find you
well I got a letter
from Nate & one from
Coffin to day but I
wonted one from you
we have turned over our
big tent & drawed
some little dog tents as
we call them one of them
are in 2 pieces & are buttoned
together we have to carry them
on a march there is about
8 yds in a tent that is
4 yds to the man to carry
I send Sam B Hill C S Brown

28 J. Wheeler have joined
together & we have got a
good tent now. Note &
Coffins wrote like they
thought we were in a fight
but its no use to get
scared at a big tale
when we get in a fight
I will write to you right
away so you need not
believe any thing that
away. I wrote to the next
day after the fight here
& told you all about it
some think there will
be a big fight here yet
but the Old Devil & all
the rebo cant take this
place for it fortifies
around here. Demps
sent a box with his
over coat to Grand Father
I put a right new
coat in the box.

I want you to get it
it is a good coat we
have drowed new blouse
& new hats they are high
crowned ones & the look
foxy but I think are
much better in rain &
sun. I sent the a
paper printed in Nashville
it is the Nashville Union
I wrote to him to let
you folks have them
to read to you ever see
about we are doing some
times. I sent 5 dollars
in a letter to you
& I sent 30 more by
a man that lives at
Farmland, his name is
Oakerson he will leave
the money at the depot
at Winchester I sent it to
you in care of Jones
Coats.

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Mrs Sally Little
Harrisville
Randolph Co, Va.

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Camp near Grout's Tavern
April 30th 1863

Well Sally I seat myself
to drop a few lines to you to let
you know how I am getting along
I am well & hearty I hope these
few lines may find you well.

I reced a letter from Don today
& a few lines from you I was glad
to get to hear from you but sorrow
to hear that you had the ague I
hope you will get over it soon
you must take care of your self
& not get sick I think I am
in so good health as I have been
for some time I feel good all the
time I did have the worst cold
a mont or so ago I ever had I
could hardly sleep for coughing I am
getting fat again I weigh 172 lbs
we have to get up at 4 in the morning
& stand to arms till sun up so we
get the morning air but it is not
for that that we are called out
it is to be ready if the reb

now to make a dash so we
would be ready for them Well I
wrote a letter to you a few days
ago & toles you all about our covoly
taking a lot of prisoners. I have not
got much news to write only I
spent 45 cts to day I got 2 oranges
for 25 cts & eat them I got an apple for
5 cts 2 tin fulls of ginger Beer for
ten cts & I paid 5 cts for a cup of
Beer for Sof. atel he is sick cop
Carter is sick in the hospital at
Nashville we have got the best ~~dr~~
Officers in Co H of our.

now I do wish I could have
been at Dons that night with
you but I am here in Old Tenn
playing Salerier but I think it
avont be long till the war will
be over but I cant tell but some
of the people in the south are
ready to atarne now I cant see
what that order for giving furloughs
was made for for they dont give us
any I think they might let us go
home one in 6 months but as it
is & we will have to grin & bear it

There is lots of men think
our time will be up when the
9 months are up for we come out
in the boat coll for 300 thousand
dropped men for 9 months but
we were sworn in for 3 years or
during the war so I think they will
hold us that long if the war aint
stoped but I think we will
get to go home on furlough between
this & fall I hope so I think of
one thing that the longer we stay
before we go home our time will be
the shorter afterwards so all put
together I try to be satisfied.

Well I wrote to you a few
days ago as I will quit for
this time Write soon. and after

Isaac Little
To Solly Little

Direct as before. - -

write me a Bully
letter

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Mrs. Sally Little

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Rondolph Co. Ind.

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Camp near Franklin Tenn

May the 5th 1863

Dear Wife I seat myself in order to let you know how I am getting along. I am well & hearty & getting fat I hope these few lines may find you well of the Ague & hearty.

I received your letter of the 28th To day & was glad to hear from you I wish I could get one every day from you I did not expect you would get to read that dream but I do think it is a joke on Jeff Davis. That package of town is some money I sent there is 30.00⁰⁰ I want our taxes paid out of it & the rest you can keep it if you want to or lend it to some one that will pay it back any time You wrote about hearing that we had been taken prisoners or you wrote it provisior I suppose you ment prisoners well we have not been taken prisoners & that aint all we want be. Well I have got that brosis you sent on wrist it most to long I believe I will make ~~two~~ of it one

for each wrist. Well Sunt steel is very
sick he has been sick for about a week
he is going to the Hospital I think it is
a doubtful case if he gets well he has
got hiccoughs Eli Noworth is sick but
not dangerous Demp has been grunting
for a few days. Demp said Tell
Margrett that he would write in a
few days as he did not feel like writing
to day. Well we had a visitor last
Sunday a man by the name of
James Furness come to see us he is in
the 1st Ohio Cavalry I was acquainted
with him at home he used to live
in that house of fairs that Tromels
lived in he is a fine fellow the Marshalls
has his baby raising he saw Neut
Fruits & Bunk Peire about a month
ago he says Bunk has growed lots Neut
is getting well Furness was in the
fight at Muffreesboro. ~~well~~ he started
back this morning he is on a
courier post at Nolenville. Well the
Regt goes out on pickett to morrow
again we have to go about every ten
days I was on fatigue yesterday & it
was awful hot but it rained last

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evening so it is cooler to day.
I have bought me a nice little
watch it looks like gold if I keep it
I will give it to you it is about
right for a woman to carry. Well they
are going to send Ellis & John Turner
& some that are not stout enough
for duty to Nashville & they will have
to help a little in the big garden
there there is 80 acres they say in one
garden I guess it for the hospitals.
The Illinois Boys in our Brigade think
our time will be out in 9 months from
the time we come out & some of them
will bet high on it they think all
the troops that come out under the last
coll for three hundred thousand are for
9 months I hope our time will be out
but then I know it wont be but
if it is all right & if not all right
for it cant be helped I want to be
at home & I want the rebels whipped
I think I am doing more good here for
our Government than I could at home
so I think our country needs all the
help it can get. But I think
if we will get furloughs after

the 9 months is out if we count we
will stay a year then I am sure
we can get furloughs then there will
only be 2 years to serve. Well I must
quit soon Write soon so you get
this. I heard Tom had got home
I saw Rudy Frick to day he said
he was going to start towards home to day
I dont know whether he is going to go
home or to a hospital for he is not stout
if I knew he would go home I would
send this by him but I will send by
mail

Direct to Nashville as before
& send me a good long
letter. Love Little

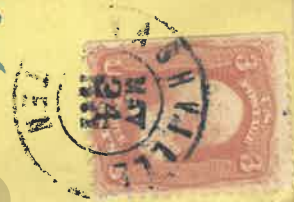
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Mrs

Valley Forge
Harrisville
Rochester
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Franklin Lemerey
May the 20th/63

Dear Wife I now seat
myself to drop a few lines to you to
let you know how I am getting along
I am well & hearty & hoping these
few lines may find you & the rest well
I have not had a letter from you
for over a week & I have not wrote for
a few days so I will comene this even
ing & finish to morrow undoubtedly I
will get one from you then.

Well some of us have been put through
for a few days day before yesterday the
regt went out on picket & we were
up most all night & yesterday there
was Brigade drill & last night
Co H was at the fort on guard
there & we did not get to sleep much &
to day we had to go on Brigade drill
again & in the morning at 8 we have
to go out on Regimental inspection
so we will have to brush up & wash
& block our Boots & put on clean clothes

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I wish you could see us here
Well there is an order here now that
we are not allowed to carry but one
blanket one pair pants & shirts 2 drawers
2 pair socks & the rest of our clothes
we can bundle up & put our names
on them & send them to Nashville &
we can get them again but I would
rather send my things home & I may
do it yet. if I do I will send it
to Union. Well some think we
will move on further now pretty
soon but I dont think we will
go far & we may stay here & guard
this place I will let you know right
away if we do move you may write
to Nashville till I tell you where
to send to. If you could hear
all the talk here amongst the boys
about going home in 9 mo. but I
dont believe a word of it I heard
one man say the the 84th & 85th
Ind Vol were ordered to Indianapolis
on the 16th of June I dont think
there is a word of it so but such
word as that takes with the boys
I can tell you what I think about

The motor & that is this
I think we will get furlough
now when our nine months are
out I hope so shure. Well I
am sleepy & it is getting late so
believe I will stop for to night
& finish to morrow after the mail
comes in. good Bye for to night Ike.
Well I will finish this letter I
have had dinner I have a little time to
write I reced a letter from you
& Tilda Hickmon & one from Coffins
I was very glad to hear from you
I expect we will have to go on Brigade
drill this afternoon. I dread it some
we were suspected this morning. I have
no more news to write. Well what
has headed out here & it looks like
harvest would be here pretty soon I saw
a lot of nice Cobage in Franklin they
were as big over as my hat. Well I
cant tell any thing about that nine
months motor but there is a screw
loose some where by the way things are
going on. but its no use to make
any calculations about any thing here

Well the worst thing here is hot
weather it gets pretty hot in the day
time & at night it is cold.

Well Lint Stell was sent home
last week a corpse and all hope
to lose him the worst kind he was
such a good clever fellow.

Well I must quit for this
time if I dont have to go our
Brigade drill I must write to
Joe Coffin for I expect I shall be
on duty tomorrow.

Write soon & often

Direct as before I will

Love L. M.

To Gally Little

I found some
real read tickets
at the
Depot



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Trinne Tennessee

June 4th 1863

Dear Wife I now take
my act to write a few lines to you to let
you know how I am getting along I am well
& hearty hoping these few lines may find you
well. Well in the first place we have moved
we left Franklin last Tuesday & come to
this place it is about 12 miles it was a
hard walk on us with our knap sacks &
not being use to carrying them for we have not
carried them much lately. You ought to be
seen the cloths & blankets that was thrown
away on the road. I dont know where we
will go to but the Major said he thought
we would go to Shelbyville. Gen. Begg
is there with his army of rebels well I will
finish after awhile. Well Jim Furness is
here in camp he come last night so I
thought I would send this by him to the
office Co H had nearly a barrel of coffee
that we had saved so we let him have it
got a about 2 bushels to take & sell I wish
you had it at home it would do us a long
time I saw Martin Cox this morning he is

is not very stout but we are more
Well we are compelled on the grounds that
our men drove them rebs at the time of
the fight at Murreboro this is about
the out line of the rebel pickets they were
drove from here to Murreboro a distance of
15 miles Well I expect there will be some
fighting done somewhere close around in
a few days but there is plenty of our
troops here I wrote you a letter about
a week ago I dont expect I will get a letter for
a few days till we stop for a while we only
stopped here to rest I got a paper
Tuesday from Winchester having a list of the
killed & wounded of the 69th & the 8th
The boys are mostly well I suppose was not
able to march so he was left with
some more I expect they went to Nashville

Well I will quit for this time
write soon I will write more
when in a few days if we dont
move & if we move I will write
as soon as we stop

Isaac Litter
Go Solly Litter

Trinne Linn
Sunday June the 7th 1863.

Will Golly I now
sent myself to drop a few lines to
you to let you know how I am I am well &
heartly hoping these few lines may find you well
I reced a letter from you yesterday I was very
glad to get it we are compeel close to a little
town called Trinne but I awrote a letter the other
day & to let you about our move out here
I dont know how long we will stay here but
I think not long some of the Regts has
left now we may go to Nostville but I
cant tell. Well we had a big fire last night
there is a big barn close here belongs to a man
& he is a rebel but has taken the oath there is a
rebel Major buried in his garden but some
of the boys fired the barn it was fired to
hold 80 horses. there was a fight at Franklin
the day we left there we had got only about
5 miles from there when we heard the cannon
& all day & most of the night I dont know what
domage was done. I heard a Semiregt of Cavalry
got cut up pretty bad by the rebs several of the
boys was left there Dumps, Eli & a few more
we will know how it was soon Well we have
got a nice little tent now we prefer some poplar

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Trees & got bark & made a floor to lay on
& we cut some clover to cure to make it softer
Well we had inspection this morning & we do the 1st
& 3rd Sundays of each month. Well I own cleaning up
all my paper this is all I have & we have not been
paid off yet so I will have to get on order at the
cutlers & get some paper &c Well I think the
religious folks are having a good time there
I hope they will all get good by the time I
get home then there will be no more ones
to go with me so anyhow I will improve a little
we dont get mail near as good as we did at
Franklin we are some 12 miles to our rail Road
When we moved from Franklin we had nearly
a barrel of coffee & we did not know whether
we could get it hauled or not so Jim Ferris come
to see us so we let him take it & sell it so next
day he come back & fetched the money he sold
it for over 18 dollars so the company has money
to buy something. Ferris is on a Courier post 6 miles
from here Well I guess I will quit for this time
I will get some more paper & write in a few days
Write soon Direct to Nashville & as before
I would not be surprised if we went to
Hastine next but I dont know we dont know
where we are going to hardly ever till we get there
I guess the 9 months talk has played out
I think they will hold us 3 years if the war is
not over but I would like to go home the best
kind it is most dinner so I will quit
Sol's Little Isaac Little



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Mrs

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but I know I would like
to go as well as any of them

Well we got paid off the other day
I got two months pay which
was 26 dollars I paid 11 for my
watch & 2 to the sutler so I had
13 left I got a dollar worth of
stamps & some paper & paid a
little debt at two so I have 11 left
I thought I would keep that & not
send it home this time but if you
want it I will send it to you

I did one peacock for some
plunk I got it seems to me like
that settled it but I am not
certain. You need not go to any
trouble about that in case I can
do with out it. Well I have told all
the news I believe so I will quit

I wrote to Alex & Tom yesterday after
the fight. You cant imagine what
a noise a shell makes as it goes
the squeal mat like a pig. We can tell
when there is going to be a fight for the
morgans begin to run. The come by us
yesterday in a drove in a run.

Well write soon & often

Direct to Nashville as before
Isaac Little to the rest
Holly Little

my ~~the~~ name & may be not set
your name & your name

Trinne. Tennessee

June the 12th 63

Dear Wife

I now drop a few lines
to you to let you know
how I am. I am well & hearty
hoping these few lines may
find you well. I am on duty
to day on Head. Quarter guard
I went in at noon for dinner
& I got your very acceptable
letter & was very glad to get it
Well there has been some
excitement here lately yesterday
the pickets were fired on by
the rebs the artillery went out
& shot shell at them while
the rebs had a canon & they
shot some shells over us
gosh but they did nothing we
were out in line & were ordered
to load & lay down so we did.

cavalry went out & then
the Artillery run them of
some 5 miles. There was a Lieut
of the 2nd Incl Cavalry killed
& several more wounded I dont
know how many was killed all
together but our boys seen
several brought in dead.

we did not get in to the fight
but was in sight of it & lost
sunday we had just such a
skirmish only there was an
Artillery that is 3 times there
has been fighting done in
sight of us & we are lucky
to keep out of it. But Co H
was keen to go in yesterday & so
was the Regt. I expect we
will get enough of it yet.

Well I wrote to you since
we left Franklin & told you
about our move there was 2
men hung there since we left
they were rebel spies they

forged passes & got Union
uniform & went there as
officers from Rosecrans to
examine the fortifications &c
there but some how Col Beard
of the 85 Incl suspected them
& telegraphed to Rosecrans by
the signal ~~corps~~ which
is by men on the high hills
with flags & wave them so
they can send news. Rosecrans
sent word back to hang them
as spies & so they did. Demp
is there at Franklin yet.

Well you need not put any
confidence in the 9 months
question for I think we are in
for 3 years if the war lasts
but I ~~hope~~ wish we could
get out at that time they
can hold us 30 days longer than
our time any how. Some of the
boys think we will go home
in a few weeks but I dont,

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do you get my Gazette & what
 went with it. I wrote to
 Charlotte Marshall to know where
 Ike was & I got an answer the
 other day she said Ike was down about
 Vicksburg & she had not heard from
 him for a good while she was troubled
 a good deal about him I hope he is
 safe & sound I wish Ike was here
 with me. Charlotte has moved to
 Illinois to Ike's brother, & is
 keeping home for him. I am glad
 we are not down there about Vicksburg
 for it is sickly there & it is healthy
 here. wheat is cut here some places
 well I must quit for this time
 write soon & tell me if my
 likeness looks natural

Direct to Nashville Tenn
 as before

Asa Little
 Yo Yally Little
 &
 Alistus

[Signature]
 write this time

*for when I write to
 one of them I tell all the news
 to all of them I hope nothing
 to write to other
 one*

*Write your full
 or better a few days
 ago. so I will not
 8x10*

Camp near Truine Tenn
 Sunday June 21st 1868
 Dear Wife

I now seat myself to answer
 your very acceptable letter which
 I got to day. I am well
 & hearty hoping these few lines
 may find you all well.

Well there is no news now
 here of importance Capt has
 got back to the Regt he has got
 about again the boys are well
 Dempsey is down at Franklin
 last week in the hospital he
 had been bleeding at the lungs
 I dont believe he can staves the
 service. Well Mike Ingle has
 new come here we dont know
 where he is Geo Bough & Bill
 Dick are released & are doing duty
 Bough is sick now. I dont know
 what was done about them I expect

They will take some pay from them. I got my likeness taken last week & I will send it in this letter they say it is a good picture some of the boys got theirs taken sitting on the ground with their guns &c I had to pay one dollar for my picture. I got a letter from Joe Coats yesterday and one from John Coats a few days ago.

Well I seen in the paper to day that they wanted 6 months men now in Indes if I was there I would go in. that aint so long but 3 years is a good while shure. Well all is quiet here now I saw in the Winchester paper about the fight here but it reads to big it was only a skirmish.

I wrote to Father the other day to send me some butter & such things for I know they have plenty & I might as well

have some of it as not for it aint much a soldier gets to pay him for leaving home & friends then to think how the people (I mean the Buttermets are doing in the north.

But we will get home some time & we can attend to them. Well Holly I had a boat of cherries the other day I was on picket close to a big orchard there was lots of cherry trees but the soldiers has broke them to pieces there will be lots of peaches & apples & if we stay here they will go too we get green apples & stew & put sugar in & make a good mess we dont get no fruit only as we buy & steal it & we need something sour for the stomache. There is lots of mulberries here but they give a fellow the rots Black berries will soon be ripe & there is lots of them here - -

would get more than I can
 paper. I expect you will be
 uneasy on account of not getting
 any letter from me but I want
 the paper in my hand so I
 could not send it if I had a separate
 say you need not be uneasy if you
 don't get a letter in a week for
 some time we are all well
 on the 29th we went on to the 40th
 this morning there was some 25 or 30
 prisoners there that were brought in
 last night & there was a few more
 come in just now our men got
 3 or 4 prisoners from the 29th of
 them. They had got from our
 some place the prisoners were mostly
 Georgia & Alabama troops. One
 prisoner says we shall not carry on
 to any more our men for they shall
 be pardoned. I am glad that
 you are in some of
 the safestest country however
 I don't know how far we are so that
 well I just heard that we could not
 send letter for a few days so I will
 wait till we can write more
 or I will stop
 be a day's letter
 In Love
 J. P.

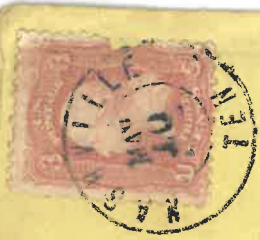
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Camp 8 miles South
 of Mullreesboro Va
 June the 29th 1863
 Dear Wife I write myself
 in order to drop a few lines to let
 you know how things are
 getting along as far myself
 I am well & hearty hoping
 these few lines may find you
 well. We are now having
 some letters we left Brinn
 last Tuesday the 23rd & started
 for some place we did not
 know where we went through
 the woods & a field about
 10 miles it a raining & I tell
 you it was muddy we made
 one camp for the first night
 then lay in the woods & it
 rained like Boston we could
 hear the cannon roading at
 Middleston for our force were
 fighting the rebels there the rebels

The rebel in business the Coys well
we camped at - at here today
before yesterday we got orders
to go to a gap towards Shiloh
9 miles from here so Col had
our troops sent forward to
Murfreesboro & we had 3 days notice
& expected to have a fight before
we got back as we did &
went to the gap we could see
signs of a fight all along the
road our Cavalry drove them
right along we stopped at the gap
& got orders to get supper & lay
a night's march so we picked
a few hogs & went in for it
but we got to stop at night
next morning our Cavalry fought
in 4:30 p.m. & 26 commissioned
Officers our men took them all
& we started the day together
well we got orders to come back
here so our Regt was to guard

the prisoners but the rebel officers
were in the ambulances &
one company guarded them
& the rest of us strung out
along the road on each side
they were rusty looking fellows
some had pretty bad cuts
on their heads done by our
Cavalry we heard Old Fogy
had captured about 5:00
but I don't think it is so
Well we are camped in a horse
yard & I & my comrades in
a porch & have a good place
we brewed some potatoes &
I guess we will go to
Murfreesboro to morrow
but I don't think we have
not had any mail for
about a week. Old Fogy has
said the mail stops a few
days while the fight was on
hands but the Col said we

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