

is all broke down & good for
nothing. ~~Ed & Thos~~

Ed & Thos is sick &
in the Hospital there is 2 of
the Thompson Boys here
& Ed Misses, Bagns, Pains,
& Malcolm Mcointyre, Peet
Mcintyre is sick in Phil
adelphia Capt Smith is
here yet but expects to go
home soon Lieut Stachman
is here but is not very well
now but I guess he will be
all right in a few days

Lieut Degraff has been
sick all summer but I
think he will be well
as soon as it gets to be
cold weather, he can't stand
the heat very good

Pa you will laugh but my
heart has is just as hard
as an old Bull Buffalo
head I don't know what snakes
it so much less it is the heat

(Gust about 2 full complement)



1861 Aug 22
your report for duty
and
Camp near Sharpsburg

Oct. 4th 1861

Dear Father

I recd your letter
last night & was glad to hear
from you. I had just got
back from the C. & O. Y. & L.
Coast. & McChesnut killed came
up here the day before &
I got permission to go
home with them & stay
all night I had a first rate
dinner with them. I found
them all well except
Russell Mills he is quite
unwell he is going to
try & get a Furlough & go
home until he is better
They are about 6 miles down
the River from us, they are
Burns & Bodey guard

We are having a good rest
here now for a week
we havent don any thing
But rest. we havent got any
more clothes yet But expect
them every day. I am getting
fat again & Sandy, I have
been gaining flesh every day
since our stopped marching
there is 32 of our lie here
now But only about 20
fit for duty. The rest are
fagged & worn out

Old Massey Reed was wounded
at Bulls Run about half the
width of the Ball right across
the Bottom of the foot & he
is limping around. & old Pat
Sam mus was good for any
thing. he is sick all the
time Seth Wheeler has been
in the hospitall all the
time since July, & has

Gained us since the last
fight he has not seen a fight
of was yet. Little Dan is
here ^{Southwestern} tough as a Bear so
is Washburn & Childs &
Chapman. Peet Davis is
here tough as a wolf. But
his Brother is sick all the
time he is in the Hosp
ital Peet & I sleep & gather
a mess of gather now he
is all the last fellow
left that I can depend
up on he is a good honest
Boys. Little Deep. Tharington
is here But he is unfit for
Duty. he got hurt by a stone
that fell & struck him in
the Breast. a shell struck a
stone heap & burst & threw
the stone like the old cat
among us & one hit him
George Lane is here But is

I am glad you have got my
gun home. have you got
all the trimmings with it?
B.P. has resigned and can
home when the officers
get sick of War they
can resign & go home. But
the Poor Private must
stay whether he likes it
or not. But if I had been
ever sick I think B.P.
would have helped me
all he could to get my
discharge. But I have been
healthy & well all the
time & had no reason to
call for a discharge and
it is a hard matter to get
discharged unless a man
is wounded or disabled
so he is unfit for any
kind of duty. They dont
discharge as many as they did

because they were sick
for so many has played
sick & got home in that
way. I hope the war will
be ended this winter so that
all can be discharged that
wants to be. But I am afraid
they will hang on another
year. I write in a little
before the for you to send
me a couple of dollars for
we shant get any pay
untill November. I dont
want you to put your self
out of the way to get it
if Ward dont get it let
it go. I will get a long
well enough if I dont
get out of stamps & papers
envelopes. Well it is about
noon & I guess I will go
and get some grub & finish
the afters dinner

October 5th
we are to have an inspection
to day at 1 o'clock & that
I cant write a great deal
more for I must clean
up my old Shoat, and
get ready for the inspection
we are to be inspected by
the W. L. inspecting officer
I should like to beat him
this winter & help you in
the trap I think I had
rather do that than to
saddle it. Next time
you write tell me how
many cows & calves horses
you have got I heard
you had got an old
cow as an old Man
write soon

from Adrian

first rate
I am sure you will
The best I have
You wanted I should tell you
how many Ball holes I have
made through them gray jackets
I dont believe I can tell you. But
I am ^{pretty} sure that I have made some
holes through the gray jackets
I have had shots enough &
good ones too & you know that
when I shoot at game I dont
shoot to miss them
I Wish you was here to day
I would go over onto the
Battle Field with you & show
you where we fought and
piled the Rocks the fences
& trees & the ground will
show you where the
hats of the fight was
I dont expect to see another
so hot a fight as that was
(now I mean again)

Well it is time to go to bed
so I won't write any more to
night. Tuesday 14th
it is after 9 o'clock & I am
writing again. I got a letter
from Mary to day containing
hers & Montrose's likeness &
some money. I was glad
to get these likenesses. But
they appear to be cranking
each other wonderfully, it
is a very good picture after
all I mean to get mine as
soon as I can & send home.
Capt Smith leaves us to-
morrow for home. I kind
of hate to have him go.
But after all we don't
miss him much. Stedman
& Degraff will be with
us along as they are going
to be our next Capt.
& Capt White side. I don't feel
they think they can even
it the best up a gain. But
I think that will be a stone
gap to get recruits.

Camp near Sharpsburg, Md.
Oct. 19th / 62

Dear Mother

I thought I would
write a few lines to you
this evening as I have nothing
else to do and am sitting
down in my comfortable
little tent. While the rest of
the company are out on
Picket. I did not feel very
well so I did not go out.
I have been bothered with
the (Va. double quick step
has a hint a week. But am
getting better now. I bought
a can of Butters & a can of
oysters to day from our

Sutles Butts & oysters are
Knacks in the Army,
But they tosh rather
strong of money, & dollars
a Piece for the cons (But
he waits untill Pay day for
his pay. We have got our
new cloths & moved onto
a new piece of ground
so we look more like
Soldiers than we did
I dont think we shall move
away from here in a
good while. We may
winter here. We are guard
ing the River here. The
Rebs are on the other side
But none near, near to us
But a least 4 miles up the
River from us. The Pickets
was so near each other
(9 or 10) days ago that they
talked with each other.

& one of our Boys went
over & exchanged Papers with
one of the Reb Pickets.
We are enjoying our selves
first rest since we have
got our cloths & tents & it
seems good to get into camp
again. But we dont know how
long we shall stay here
there is what is the matter
if we were we should stay
a long time we would be
more contented. I wish I could
get my likeness taken to
send to you. But there
is no shaver here, no one
to take it (was no money to
pay for it). I shall be at
home before a great many
more months & you can
look at me all you want to
With my Gasline like Whiskers
Perhaps you think I am ^{looking a little} whiskers

I guess I have written
enough for this time
To good Bye

Adieu

tell Matri I shall
make all the fun in
the world of her likeness
She looks as though she
was Peeking out of
the Window to see some
one go by

Why, didn't she make
Charlase sit a long

Thright

Wednesday 15th

I will try & finish this
letter & send it to day
The Capt. is packing up
his traps to leave.

I think there will be a chance
to get a furlow by & by
Capt White side says they
will. Perhaps between now
& spring. I can get a furlow
if I want to & go home
for 30 days or such a matter
But it will cost so much
to go I dont know as it
will pay. The cost of going
I would like to see you
all first rate I dream last
night that I went home
& you kind where I wish
doubts folks used to &
When Sam. saw me

with my gun. He was
scared half to death & hollowed
ed like a scared cat
does the little (shit) grain
any? is Grampa there
yet? tell him I am as
tough as a Buck &
am coming home some
time. I got married May 8
We haven't had any grain
apart account yet it is
the first fall I ever
saw corn has been ripe
this a weeks & folks are
sowing ^{this} winter Wheat.

The Drums are beating
for drill I shall have to stop
We drill 1 hour in the fore
noon & 1 in the afternoon

Off all the Capt has
gone the old fellow felt
had to leave the Boys
he traveled like a Bahay

I am glad for his sake
that he is gone. I wish I
could go to. But I can't
so there is no use of
talking. But it does seem
to me that this War
is being paid on more
for a speculation & for
Palatiks than any thing
els it appears to me that
We have got men enough
to eat the South
up they was a mind
to set them at work
at it. But instead of that
We don't do any thing
hardly. I wish every
man in the Northern
Army had killed as
many Rebs as I have.
I am darn sure this
war would be ended
by this time.

Camp near Thorpe's line.

Oct 26th / 88

Morning

I recd. your letter yesterday
& to day is a rainy day
& I can't find any thing else
to amuse myself a bout so
I will try & write to you
I am well & enjoying my
self good. We have got our
tent. Our coats, Blankets &
every thing we need to
keep us comfortable you
need not send us any
thing at all. I can get every
thing I need here. I have got
a good pair of boots & we
shall get our money in a bout
two weeks & then I can buy
me a pair of mittens if I
want them. I have sent

has a pair of Boats
to row this winter
this to the French half
& the logs will cover
steas up to my creek they
will probably cost me \$400
But if they keep my feet
dry & warm I shant mind
the price. I shall try &
find how 40 dollars will
pay day (if I dont get a
furlow) & if Pa thinks
my money will help him
any towards paying for
the place I am willing to
should use it. I dont know
as I had better try to get a
furlow at all the furlow
wouldnt amount to much
any way. & the money that
it would cost me to go
there & back ^{would} make a quite a
payment on the place.

I was going to write
a long letter this time
But we have got aslers
At. Pack up & get ready
to march so I must
close Dear Ben
Adrian

I dont know as we shall
go to day as not it rains
so But still we may
I dont know where we shall
go But I think below
Harpers Ferry
well I will put this
in the office now
while I can I will
write again in a day
as to

I am mad as thunder
at Old Sheldon
When I come home I
kick his ~~head~~ Ass

John Ruel told the
Biggest lie I ever heard
if ^{he} said he lay in
the ^{Battle} field 10 days
I think that is a mistake
he stood about a mile
from the Battle field
8 or 10 days at a barn
They used for a Hospital
where - There were 1000
~~was~~ ^{separated} 1200 men
that was what
he meant he was lay
on the field a minute
& I can prove that
for I carried him off my
self

After November 3^d
Teeth - we are
all safe & sound yet
& I thought I would
drop a line this
morning to let you
know it so that you
& all a wonderful worry
a heart me any more
than what you think
is necessary, I don't know
what the name of this
place is Ricketts or what
division is to go there
here & there is a lot
of troops a lot of us

they have been fighting
some 6 or 7 miles ahead
of us for 2 days
yesterday there was
heavy cannonading all
day. We are expecting
every moment to see
the guards marching.

I suppose there is a few
Poles between us & the
I can't visit any more
this time for we are all
ready to march.

Signed Joe

at home

Oh I suppose you
have done a buck
by this time, haven't you
we are having the first
kind of weather here.

Mary said there was a
good hunting snow last
Monday & you had you

to kill a Buck
I wish I could be there
with my old Austrian
rifle to shoot the deer this
winter. I heard yesterday
that our folks have taken
Snickers gap with 5000
prisoners good for that I
hope it is true if it is
so we shall have the
fight as soon as we expect
ed to. There was where
they were fighting yesterday.

will know all of these
fellows small state
it is getting hot &
I want visit my mother
the night Saturday 15th
to day is a nice pleasant
day & the Boys are ~~off~~
washing their shirts &
getting their grog &c &c

We had an inspection
to day by a staff of
of Brigadier Gen Gilman
who is in command of our
Division now he says
our Brigade is a Disgrace
to Army he is
down on Purge & of
course he don't like us
But he may talk
there is not an other
Brigade in the Service
that has done more fighting
for the length of time they
have been out there we
have

Bealton Station Va
Nov 14th 1862

Sister Kate I received yours
of the 2^d the night was
glad to hear from you again
and am much encouraged & heart
I smiths from Bopahannock
Station where the Rebs shell
ed us and they say we
are here to guard the Rail
Road may be we shall
But there is no knowing
what we shall do now
Little Mc has been taken
because that is a delusion
and as the Boys are all
discouraged I think it is
a compounded shame that
they couldnt let McClelland
a lone he was doing well
But that was the reason

he was doing to sell
the soldiers all liked him
to sell & they was
a fraud ~~they~~ would hurt
the (Pais) Jewish if M^c
had ~~been~~ us. Burnside is
a good General no doubt
but the soldiers never will
have the confidence in
him that they have in
little M^c he was doing
the thing up right he had
gained in a very short
time all that Old Pope
& all Daniel lost all
last summer. But he has
gone now. we had a ^{revere} ~~revere~~
one the other day by him
& as he passed ~~our~~ lines
in front of our ~~trench~~ lines
with his hat in his hand
we could hear him say
good Bye, Bye, Good Bye

one Regt in our Division
staked their arms & declared
they never would fight if
they couldnt fight under
him & he had to stop
& make a speech to
them. & encourage them
up again. Lieut Whiteside
declared he never would
go into an other fight
again if M^c left us &
he sent in his resigna-
tion papers to resign
but they was not ac-
cepted so I dont know
what he will do now
he is capt. now & so
is Steadman Threlk
Col & capt White side
is Lieut Col. Adjutant
Thorp is Major &
Gabez White is Adjutant
tell pa a hint this in

Bradleys has gone to ~~Albany~~
Albany. I suppose he got
recruits to fill up our Regt
shall also there is no more
to write as I can think
of so I want not
any more this time

I believe

Best love

Camp near Stafford
Nov 20th 1862

Dear Mother I recd your
letter several days ago
But have had no chance
to answer it until now
I came here yesterday
there is an ever lasting
sight of troops here
some are encamped &
some are on the move
I dont think we shall
stay here long. But
where we shall go to
is of course unknown
to us. I am still Blessed
with good health all
though the weather is
bad & stormy. But it
dont seem to affect
me at all severely

I had a slight touch
of the Rheumatism a
spell ago. But I have got
over that & as sound as
a 4 year old Bull now.
I never thought when I was
at home that I could under-
go so much hardship as
I have. if any one had
told me so I would have
called them a liar.

Some think that old
Granddaddy is a going to
have us a hard of a trans-
port before long. I dont
care what he wants us
when I get ^{out} of the army,
I will keep out a week
at least. I guess all ~~through~~
though there is something
about Faldesing that I
like after all. But I dont
know what it is.

it is raining so I cannot
write any more to day.
But if I dont get a chance
to send this to the
office I will write
more in the morning.

Sat Nov 22^d

We are here yet doing the
best we can. I was sent
of our Pioneer Corps yet
staying. We are ~~fast~~ making
a corduroy road to the line
so that we can get our
hard to pull here. I had to
get up in the morning at
6 o'clock & call the sun into
line. it was before Breakfast
& it rained like the
old Quirey until 9 o'clock
then it cleared off & we had
a pretty good day after all.
Lieut Col. Whitcomb & Capt
Whitcomb Stedman & Capt

you & Sarah have great
times don't you can she
pinch as hard as she used
to? if she can I pity you
I declare it does seem to
me that old Sam now
means to pay us I guess
he is broke. They say the
Pay master is coming
every day. But he don't
come yet. if he don't come
before long I shall have
to stop writing so
often. Now is time then
and it hard digging for
you fellows this winter?
as is money so plenty
that you don't know what
to do with it.
Well Kate I must
close for it is time to
go to bed I will wind
up in the morn Add

Leammas Brooks station
Friday Nov 27th 1862
Dear sister Kate
I received your letter
yesterday & was very
glad to hear from you
But my gladness was run
to sight at the arrival of
the mail it brought me
a good news of gloom. which
is the one thing needed
here now. it is cold enou
gh to make one shiver
all day, it rains occasion
& then clears off with
pleasant days & fresh
nights. it appears to me
that 20 cents was a great
price to pay for sending

Then John Way, got
a pair top glans & miter
or night that was sent
from home that only
cost 9 cents it was a
good deal larger for bridge
than this one was.
We have been here now
most a week I don't know
how long we shall stay
But probably not long
they will have us on
the snow again the
first one know.

I am well as usual & the
Boys are all well. Bosh
Stearns is dead he died
was 8 weeks ago with
the flu. The Davis Boys
are here & well. Cephus
Childs is well & as fat
as a hog he weighs 144
pounds (that is good weight

Steadman has not yet been
yet I don't know when
he will come. Mr. Ames
has got home has he?
The old fellow was
mistakened about being
in the Bull Run fight
he has not been with
the Regt. since we
left Cent's mill ^{in July} on
our way to Grant's Bay
he fell out the first
days march & we have
not seen him since
he might have seen
Davis. But at the
Hospital (But I don't
believe it. then you
don't like Mrs. M. Boy, we
well it seems. you rather
like the Peddles don't you
why, isn't he in the Army

I am on like the old
Haired. me always how to have
a regular Indian Mahoran
around the fire just before
me go to Bed, so me can
stuffs good I wish you could
be here to see us I prefer
it would be amusing to
a Chinellian

Oh if me ever get
in the minute quarters. I am
going to send home some
money & have you send
me a Box of things such
as dried fruit & a bag of
Honey & a box of
of Dried Wrenson if you
have it But you must not
put your finger to any trans-
fer until I let you know.
For me may not see you
the quarters at all this
month & if me don't it mean
I don't doubt about
my getting it. Write soon
& tell me all the news

Saturday 28th
Well all it is raining
again I have the first rain
of the season & it is
the day at 10 o'clock A.M.
& I shall have the chance of
my old Rich Kille & pack
my Knapsack & start
for the I am a good
that I have made & I am
making one for all of them
I had a letter from him a
long while ago But he
hasn't answered it.
You can tell Joe the
reason I don't write to
him is because I don't

get a card it he thinks
I am mad as something. But
I aint it is cause I am so
lasy. And is all I dont
get any letter from Chas
yet. Do you hear any thing
from John Reed I havent
heard from him in a great
while. I must go to inspecting
the Indefatigable is over & no
Bodys hurt & I am trying to
write. But it is cold lasy
work the sun shine warm
But the air is cold
How does Pa make it this
winter hunting Deer. does he
hunt any. or does he have
to work in the shop
all the time I dont much
expect to come home
this winter. I wish they
settled the war some think
it will be settled ~~at~~ this ^{month}

What is the opinion North
I think they had better settle
it some way. (as do we)
the Darned Abolitionist
think they are doing big
running down all ^{the} helland
dont they. I wish some
of them was ^{in the army} here & had
to fight under old old
Daniel untill they had
freed all the negroes.
this war seems will end
by fighting. we lost
all ^{the} helland does it, that
is sure as trunk
I have no fault to
find with Burnside
But I dont like the way
the war runs some how
as rather. Well allate it
is night again I say just
hess out a gay old time
with the Boys telling

8
\$1 dollor worth with out
the suit we got to Friday
I dont know as we shall
have to pay for that suit
as nat John Reed is Discharged
so I hear Bully for John
I am all most sorry you
sent me those gloves
how drowsy smilins & good
ans too & they only cost
us 24 cents cheap want them
well Alas I dont know
what more I can write to
night so I will close
good night

When you get this little
book write me soon

Camp near Brakes sta
Dec 3^d 1862
Dear Lister

I received your
letter mailed the 28th
yesterday I was glad to hear
from you. But sorry to hear
that you are so unwell. it
seems as though you were always
sick I dont see why you cant
be tough like me I am so
tough that I dont know as
a bullet would hurt me if
it should hit me. I dont feel
quite as well today as I
have for a while. Back on the
account of that peculiar
Dance that we are so subject
to here. it will tire a fellow out
after a little. But others say that
that I am well as can be expected
for a soldier

we had a Brigade drill to day the first Brigade drill we have had since Purcell left us. I like Col. Adrian R. Root first rate. he is Col. of the 24th N. Y. V. he is in command of our Brigade now he made a short speech to us to day stating that when he came into our Brigade he had a rather poor opinion of us for the first night he got here (he said). some of you compounded rascals stole my Boots. he had a new pair of Boots in the wagon with his things & some of the Boys stole them (But says to you how I drilled so well to day that I am willing to call it all even. But it looks rather tough to take the best pair of Boots a man has got. But if he

Mate I hope you are not going to be sick a great while any more. for I must say it is rather hard times with you fellows ~~to~~ to get along this winter. I wish they would ever pay us again. I am getting perfectly discouraged a heart it. it seems as though Uncle Sam don't know how to pay his Boys want some money and in a while if we ever get any money & I can send it home. if you want a new garden as Ma as if dad want only to use rather than to run in debt for any thing you can have it. (Money means made to use)

We are allowed 42 dollars a year for clothing & I have none since we left Lebanon

stand for the restoration of
the Union & shall do so.

But when it comes to that
that I must fight to free
those condemned slaves (I)
have plaid out. The slaves is
well enough off. they have
a great deal better & have more
of the comforts of life than
you do as any other poor
family in the North & if
old Abe & Morris Greeley were
to do them a kindness they
had better let them alone
that is quite the way I
look at the matter, maybe
I don't see it right. I think
we can whip the Rebs just
as well with out paying any
attention to the slaves if
they want their freedom
let them fight for it them
selves (Greeley may help them

December 9th

Well mate I will finish
this to day & send it to
the office. We started from
Camp near Brooks Station this
morning & came a hunt &
as it were to the words fredericksburg
I expect. I think by all
probabilities we shall have
a fight before long. they
are fighting and every man
with a gun & ammunition &
it looks as though there
was something a head more
than winter quarters
I have got me a new pair
of boots the legs come up
to my knees so I can
wade cracks & mud holes
with out getting my feet
~~wet~~ wet But they cost
me a heap of money

\$7 dollars pay day
 you would think that
 was an awful price then
 I suppose But that is the
 common price here
 the ground is so hard
 as a rock so we can move
 very well now But as soon
 as it thaws ~~out~~ out the
 mud will be knee deep
 we had a quite a snow
 storm last Saturday night
 & it hadent all gone off yet
 the snow was about 3 inches
 tough to you I suppose to
 sleep in a slat house
 & the ground all covered
 with snow. wouldnt it?
 But it was very well
 we stand it like good
 fellows cause we cant
do any other ways But it
 certainly isnt as hard as
 we would naturally expect
 after all.

one stuck his nose in it
 Dugges old Brigade couldnt
 steel him Blind in one 24 hours
 if they was a mind to let
 them sleep a hour it. for we
 are known to be the biggest
 lot of thieves in the whole
 Army. Thursday 4th June
 then you dont like my
 politics do you. how do
 you know I know of at any?
 I dont pretend to be a Democrat
 or an Abolitionist or Republican
 or any thing else But I will be
 damned if I like altho procl
 amation at all. he wants to see
 the Riggs any way, whether
 the Union is restored or not
 I have seen all the fighting I
 ever want to see. But after all
 I will fight as long as I can

December 14th 1761

Dear Father

I suppose

you are anxious to hear
from me to know
whether I am dead or alive
I am alive & sound as
a brick ~~at~~ only a
slight wound in my
left shoulder which is
nothing dangerous the
Ball struck the top of
my shoulder on those
large cords & slid down
my back and lodged
the clock the cut it out
& don't ^{the wound} up & I am
feeling first rate
this morning ~~at~~

only it is a little
saw this is the
hardest fight ans Regt
ever was in

I cant write much
this time for I am
expecting to go
to the Washington
as soon as this place
soon then when
I get settled down
I will write you
all the particulars

there is 23 of ans
Regt left on the other
side of the River. there
is 87 here wounded
I a great many killed
Betsy Keys was killed
died

Lieut Pegraff is mis-
sing Lady & ~~the~~
Harrington was killed
~~hands~~ Hank Lewis
is here taking care
of the wounded
I dont know where
Pett is Wm. Wash-
burn is wounded &
her Mike Pihly is
wounded to

I cant write no
more to day
Adrian

dont worry
yours selves about
me at all
I'll come home if
I can
We was in the
fight yesterday

I hope it is cold enough in Cat
 to freeze the ears off from a letter
 and it is the the first kind
 of weather here they haven't been But
 two snow storms yet & they were
 light. It has been for 2 weeks the
 nice warm pleasant weather as you are
 some I kind a dread to come home for
 fear I shall freeze to death But I guess I
 will run the risk of it (if I can get home)
 I haven't written to Mantron in
 a long time I suppose he thinks it strange
 But I can't help it I haven't had any
 paper nor stamps half of the time
 you need not send me any more for
 I shall have some money in a few days
 the report is that the Wounded men
 are to be sent to their own
 States so I don't know how soon
 I may have here But probably not
 until after New Years I could
 get a Furlow now if I wanted it
 But I shall wait until I can get
 some money first. & then if we
 are sent to New York I can go
 with out half the expense from
 there that will be the way to
 do it

Tell Dad to tell the fatted
 calf



VICTORY at
 Fredericksburg

December 27th 1861
 C. F. Hall Hospital
 Washington D.C.
 Dear Sister Mary

I have written
 two letters home since
 I was wounded and have
 got no answers from them
 yet. But I am looking for
 one every day and have no
 doubts But what it will
 come in time "as Christmas
 did" my shoulder is getting
 a long first rate I can
 use my arm considerably
 all that I have had on it
 yet has been a wet cloth
 or lint and changed as often
 as I was a mind to have it

I do believe that cold weather
is the best ^{thing} for a wound that
ever was invented it keeps
it from getting inflamed and
it keeps the scum out too
Math we had the Bulleyest
Old Christmas here you ever
heard are it would be im-
possible for me to tell you of
all the good things we had
to eat & drink I guess we had
every thing. I couldn't think
of any thing more anyway
then in the evening we had
a concert & then a supper
good enough for any Baddys
Wedding & they was lots of
Galls here too. Some was
good looking & some looked
like the ~~devil~~ ^{devil}. But they
gave us a lot of Candy &
sweet Candy too with reading
an it

Sunday 28th the male has
just come But no letters for me, is
it possible that you don't know enough
to find a letter or what is the matter
I have sent for my Description but I
expect it every day, when it comes I
can get my money & a Garland if I
want one & I guess I will get one, & I
will get my Exchange too if I can for
I am tired of this Lord hunting up
War. I think they have got a hint
or much fight out of me as they
will get. untill weather change a
little any way. I don't propose to
fight ^{out} for the fun of fighting
it is rather harsh fun I think
I was making ^{to day} up the surprise at
Halley Springs. that is our other
great Union Victory (our Army
is good shepherds & especially some
of our Generals most of the men
are much a make enough ^{to see that this}
(it looks Big to me) was is a Big thing