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Hello

Inclose a copy of a letter from my grandfather Alexander Brown, brother Henry H. Brown, written to his mother Margaret Forrester Brown

H. H. Brown died in Andersonville his grave # 8676 H Co A 41st Ohio Vols. died Sept 13, 1864

Found in some old papers

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Camp Hazen Mar 17/63
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Dear Mother—

I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for my life and health thus far through the many dangers that I am subject to— I would have written to you before this but was expecting a letter from you first, and I have been engaged nearly all of my leisure time from drill, forage and other military duties for the last two weeks in assisting our Lieut with the company writing— In this time I have written one hundred pages of fools cap, and I have about one hundred and fifty pages yet to write before I catch up, I expect by that time we will hull up stakes and march south toward Chattanooga. But if I get time after I receive an answer from you to this I intend to send a long letter to you Aggie Charlie and Jamie— I have not forgotten the kind letter Jamie sent me

Please give my respects to Mr Brock and all enquiring friends

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and I felt honored in being the recipient of his first letter – In compliance with a request from Aggie while at Nashville I sent my likeness to Mary requesting her to send it to you. In a letter of Jan 21st she told me that she would do so – I had not much time to spend with the artist. my pass being of a short limit, besides it is not easy to make a silk purse out of a pigs ear – but if that rough and ready sketch of one of the "brave Old Rosecrans boys" suits you I am sure that you are welcome to it – Capt Jas McCleery has returned to us. but did not bring any thing for me. I told Mary to ask you to send me a pair of socks with him – the other day I drew two pairs from Uncle Sam – but the time I sent it to you for them others I was suffering for the want of them and then the prospect for getting some from the government was not very flattering – Mother I wish you to understand me now on this subject and that is never send me anything unless I send for it – my reasons

Bros Lane and Mr Grimm are well

I heard the other day that Aggie was married I hope she has secured

In my next letter I will say and give you a few more items

are that it costs so much money for express charges. often more trouble than a box of eatables would be worth if in good order, to get it from the express office to camp. besides the trouble of putting it up and shipping it. and very often boxes are lost on the way here, and when a great many arrive here nothing in the bread pie or cake line is fit to eat. one more argument against sending boxes to the boys is we often might be on the eve of marching and no room for it in the company wagon and not being able to carry its contents in our haversacks or knapsack we would have to throw it away. If we were established for six months or a year in a fort or settled camp perhaps it might answer to send a few boxes of Can fruit, Dried fruit, Pickles. Cheese. Can Tomatoes, Fresh Butter. A few bottles of Genuine Sonic Bitters. bitter enough to make a pig squeal. But as I said at first it wont suit while we are leading such a gipsy life as we do

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about a week ago we pulled up stakes and lines to march about noon - every thing remained so all afternoon, the tents down and wagons packed ready to move at a minutes notice, to go and reenforce another Division, but they did not need us. For they did a good job of rebel thrashing without our assistance - Mother I am now able and willing to pay all debts I owe - and intend to do so soon if my life and health is pared - please let me know if you owe Mr F. H. McCosh; any money if so as soon as I can I will pay it for you. And if you and the children are in need of money to make you comfortable let me know and as soon as I can I will try to assist you - please let me know what Pittsburgh paper you take and if it is a daily or weekly - Have you heard from Eliza Moore (Mrs McCandless) lately. Aunt Shiras, Aunt Clow & Uncle Moore or Edward

Please direct to your son and friend

H. H. Browne
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I told John to send you a Harper Magazine for one year let me know if you get it regular