

CIVIL WAR LETTERS
OF
AMBROSE DOSS



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MEN:131; OFFICERS:13; TOTAL: 144

Camp Bradford four miles north of Huntsville
this Oct. 1st 1861
Madison County Ala.

Dear companion and family I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these lines may find you all enjoying the same like blessing I have nothing of grate interest to write you When Mr. Rogers was up here he said if we staid up here until he got through his crop that he would try to come up here and bring some of his women folks and if he dose and you can get any person to stay with the children that you can put dependence in I would be glad if you would come with them and if you do so I would like for you to bring the two youngest children their is a grate deal of sickness in camps they generly have the measels an mumps their is about 35 of our men in the horspital the regiment is a bout half unable for duty I was with William Rowe when he departed from this world William was in the horspital five days before he died he died the 25th of September and was buried the same day he died at 2 oclock in the morning and was buried at 6 in the eavning I want you to tell Mrs Rowe tht I bored seven dollars from William and I will send it to her as soon as I make a draw it is said that we will draw money the last of this month tell Miss Rowe that William never got his likeness drawn he was puny for some time before he taken sick if you need any clothing for the children tell Mr. Minter to buy a bolt of sack as you want and I will send him the money as soon as I make a draw I would like to no whether William Bibb is a coming or not we have looked for him till we hav e gave him out we think if he is a going to come that he will be here before this letter comes to hand tell him that if he dont come that me and James Rogers is a coming after him if you cant come I want you to send me a bushel of potatoes if you have any chance you can tell Minta M Davenport that Thomas Blar is here and vollunterred in a cherocee company Nothing more a presant but remains your ever husband

A Doss to Sarah Doss and children

I want you to write tome as soon as this lines comes to hand

Written by James G. Rogers if you see anything of our folks you can tell them that John and I is well and is a cooking this weak for the company James Rogers

a few lines from dannil Clubb he wants you to tell James Rogers that he wants him to bring his wife if he comes and if she is able and if she cant come I want her to send me one pare of pants

Camp Bradford

Huntsville Ala Oct the 15 1861

2 Dear wife I avail myself of the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines which will inform you that I am in good health and I hope that these few lines will find you and family enjoying the same blessing if you do undertake to come to see me I want you to come as soon as you can for the time of year will soon be here where it will be to disagreeable for you to turnout also I learned last night that we would leave here and go to Memphis in two or three weeks It is thought that we will go to Missouriia to take up winter quarters I received a letter from Ab Thompson that stated that he had got his shoulder broke but was getting well again it was broken by a fall He stated also that Robert Earle was shot throug the head and died instantly they did not no how it was done when he was shot he was lying in his tent Tell Mr Rouses folks that Eli wrote that he was well John and James Rodgers is getting well I have been by myself for some time but one of my boys Houston Myers has come in and the balance I am looking for in a few days Tell Mr Warrens folks that he is mending and will be well in a few days if he keeps mending Mr Clubs is very poorly I cant tell what is the matter with him give my best respects to Mr Devenports family and all inquiring friends I want William Henderson to write to me and let me know how he is doing four has died out of this regiment and a great many sick mostly with measels and mumps you must rite to me as often as you can

Your affectionate husband

Ambers Doss

Camp Bradford near Huntsville Ala october 21 1861

Mrs Sarah Doss Dear wife and children these lines leaves me well and in fine spirits at this time and hope that these lines will come to you and find you all in the enjoyment of Gods Blessings I have nothing strang to communicate to you the times is tolerable tight on us the boys ar some of them gits somewhat mad at the way we ar treated and infact the boys has a right to complain at some of the treatment for our company has bin imposed on by the head officers but we in general submit without ceramony

3 It becomes my painful duty to let you all no that Daniel Clubb is dead he died on the 19th he has been lingering for some time and then took measels and got on the mend and took congestive chills and lasted by a day or two we paid the last tribute of respect to hom on yesterday at the graveyard he is gone to his long resting place peace be to his ashes the boys in general is on the mend tho before I pen another sheet of paper thair may be some more of our beloved boys in the same condision that Clubbs at presant I hope for better things tho some of our Regt dies nearly every day tho I think it posable that the sickness will stop in a short time the measles and mumps is passing by us and I hope that the helth of the Regt will improve

I recd your letter on the 11th and was glad to hear that you was all well and doing well I can not tell anything about coming to see you for it is uncertain I wrote to W. E. Minter to tell you to try to come up and see me but you have recd them lines before now and it is usless to write anything more about it if you cannot come write often to me and let me know how you ar giting along

Dear wife and children I hope that I will be permitted to see you all again but if I see you no more try to do the best you can I have got clothing enough to do me this winter Mr Landrum brought a load of blankets and clothing up from Jefferson the ladys has all furnished us plenty very kindly all praise to the Jefferson Ladys

Nothing more but remains your loving husband
untill death Ambross Doss
to Sarah Doss and children

Send Wiley Glover and Joel Doss this letter let them all see it and I want them all to write to me as soon as posable give my respects to lunt. Robins and all inquiring friends

Ambross Doss

Camp Bradford
Near Huntsville Ala this Nov the 8th 1861

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Mrs Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I take the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines and can thankfully say that my health is good and hope that these lines will come to hand and find you all in the enjoyment of health I have nothing of much importance to write to you at this time We will leave this place in the morning for Pensacola there is fifty thousand yankees scattered between Mobile and Pensacola fifteen hundred of which is cavalry its a large fleet and well prepared with all kinds of artillery they will make a brake somewhere there is more fears felt in regard to Mobile than any other point down in there I would not be astonished if our regt will get to try their skill in the battle field with the yankees in a little time but if we get into a fight at Pensacola it will be an artillery fight or the most of it unless they try to charge our batteries or we are brought to charge their works which would require great coolness and bravery both of which I hope we possess I hope if it is brought to a test you will hear a good account of the 19th Regt So be composed I will write when I stop

Yours truly till death

Ambross Doss
to Sarah Doss

Camp Moore 11 miles south of Mobile on Dog River
this Nov the 21st 1861

Mrs Sarah Doss

Dear wife and children these lines leaves me in good helth and I hope that they will come to hand and find you in the injoyment of the same blessings of God Wee left Huntsville on the 11th of Nov and landed in Mobile the 16th following without any occurance of any note Wee lay over in Corrinth in Miss 2 days We left Mobile on the 17th and had a pleasant trip down the bay of 12 miles and run up Dog River 3 miles and landed We ar two miles from the landing a presant We ar preparing to go into winter quarters at this place but I do no think wee will stay here all the winter the orders for us to go to Pensacola was contramanded before we reached mobile in consequence of other troops filling our place We ar expecting the northern troops to atakt fort Gains and for Morgan contineraly we ar 25 miles from the yankees and still unarmed thair is some bad feeling among the boys in consaquence of still being without arms thair is 4 or 5 thousand troops here and here abouts mostly unarmed But fort Morgan is a strong place and will be hard for the yankees to git over But if fort Morgan is caried Mobile is doomed in the presant state of things if the troops that is here was all well armed we could meet them but I hope that they will never pass that point But one thing these is the hottest times that we have had since the first of our trouble with the north

5 Wee have knot recd a dime yet we was to have bin paid off yesterday but it has knot come yet but they say that we will be paid in a day or two if they ever pay me anything I will send a barel of molases to you I can get them at 28 cents per galon I will send them to Montavalo and you can git them from thair thair is no use in talking about coffee for it is one dollar and 25 cents per pound and wee will soon have to do without here for its a article that can not be had in the south at presant tell all the Ala wiman of that country to bind up thair heads and git about making tea

This country is as hot as midsummer today and the country looks green the cotten blosoms looks fresh and blooming and the snakes is plenty sliding through grass thair has any man bin bit with a snake since we have bin hear We ar situated in a nice pleasant high looking place and good water it is a poor piney woods country and tolerable level the entire country on the highest part of it is a perfect sand bank and I think that this portion of the country is very (?)

Thair ar plenty of fish and oyesters here and almost anything you could call for in that line Wee ar knot faring as well in regard to provision as wee did at Huntsville tho wee ar gitting on tolerable well I have knot recd no letter from you since you left I want to hear from you very bad write soon dirrect your letters to Mobile the rest of the backing as usual the prospect for a battle is knot as good as we thought for when wee left Huntsville tho we think that it is more then posable that when wee git arms wee will git into it right

Tell Wm Henderson if he cannot git one dolar per barel for his cole to come on to Mobile and knot sell it on the way for I think he will be shore to git it here

and now dear and affectionate wife I must conclude this letter and you may rest asured that nothing but my being seperated from you and my childern that makes the service of my country any burden to me and if I see you no more my loves the same Give my love to Wm E. Minter and all inquiring friends

yours till death
Ambross Doss
to Mrs Sarah Doss
and childern

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Mrs Doss pleas to send my wife word to be of good cheer the yankees has not got me yet I am in good helth and fine spirits send her word that I think I will git my mony in a few days and I will send a barel of molases to Mont-avalo for her marked to her or father I will start a letter as soon as I do the molases and the old man can get somebody to carry them to her I am aiming to try to come home a few days about Christmas and if I do I will knot send any mony to her untill I come and fech it If I cannot come I shall have to send it by mail

Yours respectfully

J. W. Rouse

Mobile Ala Camp Moore November the 29 1861

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Dear companion I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you no that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may find you all enjoying the same like blessing I have nothing of grate interest to write you we hav a rite smarte of sickness in camps we landed at mobile the 16 and you can tell Wm Bibb that Plews Moore died the 20th of this mo David Burns departed from this world last nite and Mr. linton aims to starte home with him and I want you to tell brother Joel that I saw Bartley (pain) and he was well and in a regiment close to ours and I saw F.A. Huwit and he was a mending and is in a regiment in about 5 miles of ours tell the old man Gorman that James Gorman is well and doing well we have never yet drawed any money nor guns I aimed to send you a barel of molases if we could draw any money but they ceep putting us off and it looks like they are not a going to pay us anything for our servises if you have any chance to send me my little gun moles I want them if Henry Linton comes you can send them by him or any boddy else that is a hoping down here we have the rainiest weather here ever I saw for the time of year the timber is all green it is a bad chance for me to come home to see you It is very hard matter to get a furlow it is thought that we will stay here this winter we have cut some of our house logs to build houses we are twelve miles south of Mobile close to Dog River rite in the piney woods whare the ground is so pore that it will not make anything I want you to write as soon as this comes to hand and give all the news of importance tell all of my friends to write to me without fail give my best respects to all so I will come to a close nothing more at presant until death A. Doss to Sarah Doss

Direct your letters to Mobile in care of cpt Hanby 19 regt Ala vol Co. C

December the 6 1861

I had the above lines wrote with the intention of sending by Mr. Linton but I forgot and I will send it still as I have nothing of interest to write I am well and hope these lines may find you all enjoying the same my weight is 201 lbs we have herd the canons off an on for weeks and we are bilding our winter quarters A Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Mobile Ala Dec 8th 1861

7 Dear wife I seat my self to drop you a few lines whitch leaves me well and I hope this will find you in good health Our company is in tolable good health at present we are at present working at our winter quarters we will stay here this winter if not longer I dont see any prospect of us leaving here soon Times are very tight here about money we have not drawn any yet nor do we know when we will draw I am hewing our timber for our houses There is at present 6 Regiments and 4 companys of artillery camped close about here We are in hearing of the enemy we can hear the guns there was a small fight on the bay the other day between one gun boat of the enemy and two of ours there was about one hundred guns fired when the enemy retired it was all in hearing of us To W. R. Henderson if you cant get 100 per bbl for your coal come on to Mobile I meant all of you to write for I have not recd any word from any of you since I left Huntsville and I would be glad to hear from home Tell Zeak I saw John Smith he is down here and also tell him not to volunteer under no excitement Tell Joel not to volunteer for I am sertin he could not stand the campaign his brotherinlaw Bartley Payne is here in Regt 22nd if he does volunteer at all I would rather he would come down and go in our Regt

We have not had any winter here yet but two little frosts here yet they plant cabbage every time it rains it is as warm here as it ever is up there in May I do not know when I will be at home but as soon as I can get a furlough I will close Tell Layfayett Devenport not to talk of coming any more if he is coming tell him to come on I close for the present I remain

Yours respectfully

A. Doss

P.S.

If you have any chance send my bullet moles sure A.D.

Camp near Mobile
December 22nd 1861

8 To Mrs Sarah Doss Dear wife I seat my self to drop you a few lines which leaves me well at present hoping this will find you and family enjoing good health I have nothing of importance to write you but I will drop you a few lines We are still working on our quarters we will be able to move in to them in two or 3 weeks the weather is still warm we have not had any frost of any conciquence yet the winter has been verry dry it is raining some to day We have at last drawn our money we drewed it on the 20th of this month and I have bought you some molasses and sent them to Montevallo and also I send you some money by David Hanby He will attend to getting the molasses to you. When the money reaches you if you think you will need any corn you had better by it as soon as you can get it Buy 20 bushels if you think you need that mutch and get it as near as posible to you and about meat do what you think best you can do better than I can tell you I thought I would send you some coffee but it was so high that I did not get any it is worth 75 per lb I am in hopes I will be with you all by the 1st of March if nothing hapens I will have to come to a close for the present write as soon as you get this I want you to keep all my tools that you have not soled and be sure to keep the dust out of my gun if you posibly can and not loan it to any body atall I will close for this time write soon and often I remain yours
A Doss

P.S.

W. R. Henderson Sir

if you can do as well I would be glad for you to come to Mobile you can get 75 cts any how and maybe more you will get the hiest market price I want you all to write as often as you can and I will do the same I will close for the present I am yours as ever

A. Doss

Near Mobile Alabama
Head Quarters Jan the 2 1862

Mr. W. E. Minte

Dear Sir I seat my self this eavning to write you a few lines to inform you that I am in good health at this time hoping these lines may come to hand and find you all enjoying the same blessing of health I have nothing of grate interest to write you at the presant we have some sickness in our company at this time Dempsey Warren is in the hospital at this time and Buck Hanby is in the hospital a lying very low with the fever John Rogers is in the hospital though he is on the mend very fast James Rouse is in good health James Gorman is also in good health their is 2 regiments at this plase and one battallion and another regiment amoving here at this time It is reported that their is six thousan of yankees landed on the main land near Ship island it is thought that their will be a battle some whare about here in a shorte time and I think from what I can lern their is something of the cind a brewing though the big officers donte tell us anything a bout what is a going on We have got our arms at last we have got muskets and we got one barrel of cataridges to the company I think from what I can lern you will here of a battle being fought down here in a shorte time we moved in our winter quarters last night and I think if we can stay in them that the health of our regiment will be mutch better if we can remain in the houses we have a plenty to eat since we came down here we have a mess of poark and a plenty of bread stuff about half and half of flour and meal and molasses and coffey once a day and rise a plenty as provision we have a plenty to make out on very well our colonel is very strict over his men though he is a grate military man and our Lieutenant Colonel is a very nise man I donte think that he is as tite on his men acording to his athority as Colonel Wheeler is I have studyed a bout my family until I have come to the conclusion to try to get a sustitute in my plase knowing that my family dos stand in need of my assistance I want you and all to write to me as we cant here often from our folks and friends give my best respects to all inquiring friends and also to your self nothing more at present only remains your friend
A Doss

Head Quarters
Mobile Alabama January the 15th 1862

Dear companion I again take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these lines may come to hand and find you all enjoying the same Gods blessing I have nothing of grate intrist to write only we are at this time a living in our winter quarters our houses is 80 feet long & 12 feet wide they are covered with shingles we have patitions ten feat long and six men stays in a rume It is mutch comfortabler than living in tents I think the health of our company is prety mutch as it has bin for some time Buck Hanby & Joseph Landrum has boath departed from this life Buck Hanby died last Sunday was a weak ago and Joseph Landrum died the 8 of this month their has bin seven died in this company their has bin five discharged and three more a looking for a discharge Captin Hanby has had very bad luck with his men their is a good deal of sickness in camps their is a gr te many a dying here with the typhoyed fever Dempsey Warren is a lying very low with the fever tho he was thought to be better the last we herd from him I have bin at worke on extra duty for days I get forty cents extra which the full amount that I draw is \$27 dollars and fifty cents per month and they have got worke a plenty to ceep me at worke a month longer their is a grate many soldiers stationed close to whare we are their is seven regiments and one or two battalions and two companys of artilery they are all close a nuf to us to here ther drums it is thought that their will be a battle down here but I think it very doubtful for I think the yankees is a fraid to venture out on land to us it is thought that England will reccognise us as a free and independent nation and when she dose that the blocade will be bursted up and then I think that we will have pease on our land once more it is said that England and France has boath acnolledge our independance though it is not confirmed as yet it may be flying reporte it is a very hard mater to here the truth in camps I donte no when I will get the chance to come home though if I donte before I will try to get a furlow and come home in March it is a bad chance to get off at this time I would like to see you all very mutch I still live in hops that we will have pease on our land in a shorte time so that we can come home and live in pease and enjoy our selves as we have heretofore as I know by experience a man with a family donte see mutch pleasure in war whar he is tide down under a master though we have a plenty to eat and our officers is tolerable good to us I want you to write to me as often as you can for I will be glad to here from you at anytime and I have never recd a word from you since Mr. Linton come from up there I can inform you that George Thomas has landed down here he said that he has bin to Richmond but we donte believe a word of it their is several of my acquaintances here in the different regiments that is stationed close a round us Thad Reed is one James Lein James Bagley James Fields tell William Henderson if he will buy up some chickens that he will be certain of 6 \$ a dosen and if he will come to Mobile he is certain of 75 cents a barle and maby more I want you to tell every body howdy for me and give my best respects to all inquiring friends and tell them all to write I want you to write to me as often as once a month So nothing more at present only remains your ever an affectionate husband

A. Doss to Sarah Doss
and family

Camp Memminger
January 24th 1862

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Dear wif I seat my self to drop you a few lines which leaves me well at present and I trust this may find you enjoying the same blessing of health I have nothing of importance to write you about the molasses I sent you I went yesterday to see the man I bought from and I paid the freight to Selma and if they do not reach there who ever goes tell them to get a written order from the wear hous keeper stating that they never reached there and send it to me and I will have it straitened out I will send you 4 handkerchiefs 1 for you and one for each of the girls we are getting along very well in camps give my love to Mr Devenports family and all the neighbors and I want you to write to me soon and often I close for the present I remain your devoted husban A. Doss

I want you to write to me how many letters you have written to me I have not recd but 3 from you since I have bin in camps and I would like to know how many you have written to me

A. Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp in Navy Yard eight miles south of
Pensacola Florida this February the 17th 1862

Mrs Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I am in recit of your kind letter of the 27th and it gratified me very much to learn that all was well and I can thankfully say that my helth is very good I hope that these lines will reach you all remaining in good helth

We left camp Memminger the 13th and reached this place the next day We traveled all night in the rain on plat form cars we got very wet and our clothing is not dry yet Our things got thoroughly soaked but we are doing tolerable well at present

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I have just returned from the battle ground where the shells and cannon balls fell hot and thick around our boys in November last the earth is torn and dug in holes in every direction the beautiful town of Warenton is nearly destroyed by the shell and shot of the enemy the citizens have all left Warenton Wee send one com to that place as picket beside this wee have picket all along the beach for miles up an down the coast wee are camped in two miles and a half of the yankees and our pickets is but little over a mile apart wee see them every day wee can hear them talk and fire off thair small arms thair is seven larg vesels in sight this morning thair will no doubt be a powerful battle fought at this place some time knot far distant we ar well prepared on both sides wee ar willing and waiting for them I do not think that I can git to come home anytime shortly I want you to write to me in your next letter whether you got them handkerchiefs or knot that I sent y Also whether Minter got the pen that I sent him or knot Write soon direct your letters to Pensacola Floradia I will return to you as soon as I can bu you know when that will be I am as well contented as I can be seperated fro you and my dear childern thair is more fleas here than any place that I hav ever bin as we cannot sleep for them they ar all through the sand I got a mess of polk salet for diner I have never seen as warm a winter before I will close this letter yours till death

Ambrose Doss
to Sarah Doss

I have never recd but two letters from you since I come to Mobile

Camp Near Corinth Miss
May the 20th 1862

Dear companion I take this opportunity of riting you a few lines to let you no that I am well at this time only I am tired an sore a walking I got to my company yesterday I had to walk all the way here the cars was not running to decater as we had herd the first night I left hanceville I stayd most of day and next night with old man campbell an the next to Lieucindy Hampton from there to unkle Ezekiel Doss from there to Mr Crows I left thar on frid an got here on thursday the 19th an I found my company very sick an lieutenant Rouse is very sick there aint more than 30 men able for duty in the company we have lost several men since the battle S J Brown Robert Rogers both dead they died a few days back there is a great deal of sickness in our army at this time an a heap of soldiers a dying here there is picket fighting here every day an we are a looking for a clost engagement every day the enemy is not more than a mile from us we take some prisiners everyday or two an kill some of them and they kill some of our men sometimes tell Mrs Debenport I ha not had time to se any of the boys but from what I can here Fate and Brown Debenport is well an George Thomas is sick in hospital Jef Grey is aboute I have drawd money since I got here an I will send it home as soon as I git a chance I git to sind it home I wil not send it by letter for the mail is so bad it is danger of loosin of it we have herd from dempsey warren an Jack Hickenbotham an James Gorman they were not dead a few days after the battle they were taken prisiners they had carried them to Mound City in Misouria they were advertized in the northern paper as prisiners from the 19th of Alabama Regt I must come to a close as nothing more at present but remaining your affecttionate companion Ambers Doss to his wife Sarah Doss an family

Hospital Corinth Miss May 26th 1862

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My dear wife & children Thouse few lines leaves me in tollable health at the present time hopping thouse few lines may fine you all well at the time you may get this few lines I got heare on the 10 day of this month and tucke the juandice I have bine varry sick with them but are up and about agine and start this morning to the Holley Springs Hospital to stay a few days untill my health get better I will say to you that I aim to seen you money in this letter but the man left before I got the letter wrote Wife if my life is spard untill the 16th of July next I will bed at home for I am cleere by the conscrip law at time when you get some money from me I wont you to pay Mr. Minter six dollars Sary I must come to a close for the present time

Saltilo Miss July 19th 1862

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Dear Companion I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well hoping this may reach you in due time and find you and family enjoying the same Gods blessing I have nothing of grate intrest to write moore than the health of our company is tolerble goode at this time I wante you to sende my watch by Mr Rogers if he coms backe if it is fixed and if he donte come I woulde like for you to sende it by the first person that is coming here that you can put dependance in ande if you can fix any way to make me a colered shirte I wante you to sende it to me though I donte wante it without is colered and I woulde like to have one or two pare of drawers I have been making some inquiry aboute getting out under the conscript and I donte se any chance for me to git out yet though I thinke that as soon as the conscript is brought in to fill up the plases of those that is over and under the age I will come home their is four men from evry Regt that is to be sente out after the conscript men and I want you to tell William Henderson if he has to come to the ware I woulde like for him to come to this company if Mr. Rogers dose come I woulde like for you to sende me a boute a pecke of onions and if William Bibb also make any brandy I woulde like to have a boute a qrt if you have any chance to sende it and I wante you to write whether you have gote the 20 dollars thate sente by Mr Warnicke and if you havent I wante you to bory whate money you neede from Mr Minter and as soon as I draw I will replase it we havent drawed any money since I come backe we have a bout 5 months due us at this time I wante you to write how your crops looks and whether you have had any rain and if William Henderson has to go to the ware I wante you to get him to bory Minters canoe and go down and bring my crowbars up and have them taken care off I wante you to write every chance you have we have no vegetables attal all that we have is beef & bred and some molases write soon and I will write evry chance so nothing moore at present only remains your affectionate husband

Ambrose Doss

Camp Near Saltilo this July the 27th 1862

Mrs Sarah Doss dear wife and children i am permitted again through the blessings of kind provadince to drop you a few lines which leaves me well and i hope this will reach you all injoying the same blessings of God

I will say that wee will leave this place perhaps today wee ar ordered to Chatanooga it is thought that thair will be a battle up thair before long and from preasant indacations it looks verry reasonable wee will leave the western army in this country but the main forces will be drawn off in the direction of Chatanooga if the preasant orders is knot countermanded quickly

Dear wife and children they refuse to let men out that is over thirty five years of age it is still thought to be law for all over that age to be discharged tho the head officers overrules the laws nearly as they pleas i do knot know under preasant circumstances when i will be at home again whether ever or knot i can only say for you to do the best you can whether i come or knot

Dear Sarah send my watch to me if you can send it by any one that you know to be coming and can be relyed on if you can not send it by a reliable person that you know do knot send it under any circumstances i send you ten dollars by Mr Cole that is all i can do at preasant wee have knot drawd yet

The boys from that neighborhood is in common helth i will say to you that John C Johnson is dead he died at Oakalona since i come back i saw him come on and thought he was out of danger and next knew he was dead i hope that this cruel war will soon cease but the prospects of any such thing looks gloomy at this time tho we still hope for a speedy close of hostilitys and have a honorable peace so that all can return to the imbraces of those loved ones at home to remain undisturbed posesion of all our rights while life remains nothing more yours till death

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Chatnooga Tennessee Aug 8th 1862
To Mrs Sarah Doss

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my Dear Wif and chrildren these few lines leaves me in common health at the present hopping it may fine you all well at the time you may get my letter we had atolble good time coming a rounne hear considion so miney of us to come to this place we ar in campe about thirty miles north east of Chatnooga but I do not know how long we will stay hear but I do not think long we exspect to goe to Nashville Tennessee before maney days arise (name unknown) got back this morninen that was taken in the Shilogh battle he says Demsey Waren & James Gorman & J. W. Hickinbotom are all dead and he says as to G.W. Thomas he has never heard of him you can say to Mr Rogers that his boyes are well Wesley belcher and Pittes Waren are both well and are in campe at the present time nobody hase hearded of Jesey Deane folloing here and we all thought he was drowned but he is not he is in the company at the present give my best respect to all of my nabors to brother Henrison tell them to write to me as to the money that I told you that Mr Warnick had of mine he says he could not get any chance to sen it to you he is back in campe Sary I will sen you som money the first chance I have to seen it as to my whatch if you can get a good to seen it to me by som of our nabors let it alone for I may get a chance to hom before longe myselfe - wont you to writ to me as soon you get my letter let me know how you and all are gitting along Sary I will say to I am still triing to do the best I cane but are but one think that greves my hart that is I do not fell willing to deye I pray God to healpe me my destress of mine say I must come to a close may God bless you all is my prare your husbane untell death Ambrose Doss
When you write dirict your letters to Chattanooga Tennessee

Camp near Tynesville Tenn. this August: 13th 1862

Mrs Sarah Doss

Dear wife and children I am permitted one time more in life to drop you a few lines and can thankfully say that my health is good at this time and hope that this will reach you in the full enjoyment of the same blessing of God Dear wife I cannot write anything accurate in regard to the movement of this army but I have thought that would be sent to Richmond tho the prospects looks at present as if we would go to some other point Gen-Brag says that he aims to winter in Yankedom if he does that I am satisfied that we have some considerable fighting to do before we reach Cinncinatti it is thought by some that there will be but more fighting done but I think it will last for some months and perhaps years tho I hope how soon it may terminate for no man that lives wishes more to be in their family circle at home with those I love and in whose interest my life is bound and without the hope of meeting and living again in that lovely and holy peace which a loving wife and tender little ones is to me my life with all the luxuries of earth if I could attain them would be miserable indeed for in your welfare I rejoice but anything that renders you unhappy destroys my peace also but my assurances of my affections and love for you my dear wife and children is thing undisputed and long known to you I am still the husband and father that I was in days past and gone and will remain the same until mortality shall cease and give place to immortality and still hope that we will all meet in a better world where wars will not molest our perfect happiness but that peace will be eternal and unceasing --- Dear wife I will say to you that F Warnick has come to the company and spent my money but as soon as he gets it I will send it to you I hope I will draw soon if I do I can send you enough to do you some good --- if James M Anderson comes to the company soon I would like for you send me my watch he lives two miles above Hanby Mill we are looking for James Daily he may get off before this reaches you I do not care about your sending me them clothes that I sent word for until November I would like to have a pair of pants and pair or two of drawers I have bought some shirts I will be compelled to close this write soon direct letters to Tynesville opposite Hamelton Co. Tenn

Ambros Doss

yours till death to Sarah Doss

Camp near Chatanooga this August 29th 1862

Mrs Sarah Doss Dear and affectionat companion i am seated in the woods this morning and all seems to be a lively scine of playful mirth around me while these lines is pening all seem to be incouciuous of the certainty of the desolation of this mortal body but i think i look forward with due solemmaty to that solom moment which posable is not far distant and thank the giver of all good that my helth is quite good at presant and that it is as well with me as it is this beatiful morning --- Dear wife i supose we will march today towards Mcminville it is reported that the yankees ar falling back rapidly which i think is so but am inclined to think that they ar only concentrating thair forces and that we will have a bloody meeting with the insolant invaders of our soil and if so i hope that we will be intirely sucessful and that the blood hounds will be forced to quit our soil in hast if these hopes is realalized i could hope for a cesation of hostilitys and perhaps the smilings of peace one time more be realized --- i can say to you that Henry J. Willson is dead he died at Lauderdale Springs on the 31st of July the cause of his death is unknown to us --- i have sold my watch for 40 dollars i will send you one hundred and twenty dollars the first good chance i wish some one would pass so i could send it now i dislike to keep it hear one of our men John Buttler brother to Lathams soninlaw stole 70 dollars and 50 cts from T. M. Love while they sleeping together and made a search and found it behind the lining of his hat he is under guard and will get ruff treatment i supose --- if you have a good chance send me a shirt & par of pants and par drawers by cold wether but if you dont have good chance dont trouble about it i will make out anyhow finely yours till death
Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss give my respects to all friends