

## AMBROSE DOSS LETTERS

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ROLL OF COMPANY C, 19th ALABAMA REGIMENT, C.S.A.

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ADAMS, JAMES E.  
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BURNS, JESSE  
BURNS, DAVID  
BUTLER, JOHN  
BUTT, MARLEY  
BROWN, SEABRONE J.  
BROWN, J. T. H. B.  
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BERRY, GEORGE W.  
BERRY, JOHN  
CALVERT, LEWIS  
CHAMBLEE, THOMAS  
COUCH, JOSEPH  
COLE, FLETCHER  
COLE, ALLISON  
DEAN, JESSE  
DUNCAN, THOMAS F.  
DOGGETT, PLEASANT  
DOGGETT, JOSEPH  
EATON, GEORGE  
ELLIOTT, JAMES  
ENTRICAN, JAMES  
FALKS, FRANK  
FALKS, JUDSON

FALKS, LEWIS  
FOSTER, JAMES A.  
GREENE, DR. ROBERT S.  
GORMAN, JAMES  
GILLIAM, JAMES  
GUTHRIE, GEORGE W.  
GLOVER, SILAS  
HANBY, THOMAS M.  
HANBY, WILLIAM M.  
HUGHES, JAMES M.  
HUGHES, WILLIAM  
HICKS, SIDNEY  
HICKS, MARION  
HARRIS, ISAAC  
HENDERSON, LAVERT  
HIGGINBOTHAM, JACK  
HILLIARD, HENRY  
HOLLINGSWORTH, JOHN T.  
HUDSON, JOHN  
HUDDLESTON, THOMAS J.  
KILLOUGH, JAMES  
LANDRUM, W. L.  
LANDRUM, JOSEPH H.  
LOVE, THOMAS J.  
LOVE, TYRA  
LINTON, HENRY  
MARTIN, GEORGE W.  
MARTIN, ELIJAH B.

MARTIN, GEORGE L.  
MYERS, HOUSTON  
MILLER, JOHN  
McGOWAN, F. A.  
PAYNE, ARNOLD  
PARHAM, LAFAYETTE  
REED, ROBERT S.  
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RICE, WILLIAM  
ROGERS, JOHN F.  
ROGERS, JAMES G.  
ROBBINS, JAMES  
ROGERS, THOMAS  
ROGERS, JOHN L.  
ROGERS, WILEY  
ROGERS, ROBERT  
ROWE, WILLIAM  
SELF, GREENE B.  
SKELTON, EDWARD  
SPRINGFIELD, JAMES M.  
TRICE, ALEXANDER  
TAYLOR, WILLIAM D.  
THOMAS, GEORGE W.  
VANN, JAMES W.  
VANN, WILLIAM J.  
VANN, WILLIAM L.  
VINES, JOHNSON  
WILLIAMSON, SAM

WARREN, DEMPSEY  
WARNOCK, DAVID  
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WILSON, HENRY

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RECRUITS

BEAIRD, ADAM C.  
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BELICHER, BENJ.  
CURLEY, ED  
CARNES, JOSIAH  
DEAN, CHARLES  
DEAN, JOE  
DEAN, MARION  
DEAN, JOHN M.  
GRAVES, MARION  
HICKS, ELISHA  
HAGOOD, THOMAS Z.  
HAGOOD, JOHN H.  
HAGOOD, WILLIAM M.  
HUGHES, GEORGE  
HUGHES, WILLIAM F.  
HUGHES, JOHN  
HUGHES, THOMAS J.

MES: 131; OFFICERS: 13; TOTAL: 144

HICKS, ANDERSON

ISAACS, MORGAN

LOGGINS, WILLIAM C.

McLENDON, SAMUEL

PALMER, PERRY

PAINTER, JAMES

PAINTER, JOHN A.

ROGERS, GEORGE

RHODES, INGRAM

REESE, WILLIAM

REESE, GEORGE

SHACKLEFORD, P. P.

SKELTON, WATT

TAYLOR, JESSE

TIDWELL, DANIEL

VAN, S. K.

WILLIAMS, BLETCHER

WILLIAMS, ALBERT

WARE, H.B.

MOORE, JAMES B.

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 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 [sic] interest to write you When Mr. Rogers was up here he said if we staid [sic] 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 does 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 [sic] is a grate [sic] deal of sickness in camps they generly [sic] have the measels [sic] and mumps their [sic] is about 35 of our men in the horspital [sic] the regiment is a bout [sic] half unable for duty I was with William Rowe when he departed from this world William was in the horspital [sic] five days before he died he died the 25th of September and was buried the same day he died at 2 oclock [sic] in the morning and was buried at 6 in the eavning [sic] I want you to tell Mrs [sic] Rowe that I bored [sic] 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 [sic] whether William Bibb is a coming or not we have looked for him till we have 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 [sic] come that me and James Rogers is a coming after him if you cant [sic] 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 [sic] in a cherocee [sic] company Nothing more a present but remains your ever husband

A Doss to Sarah Doss and children

I want you to write to me 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 [sic] 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 [sic] come I want her to send me one pare [sic] of pants

Camp Bradford Huntsville Ala

Oct the 15 1861

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 [sic] disagreeable [sic] 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 Missouri 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 through the head and died instantly they did not no [sic] how it was done when he was shot he was lying in his tent Tell Mr [sic] 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 [sic] Warrens folks that he is mending and will be well in a few days if he keeps mending Mr [sic] Clubs is very poorly I cant [sic] tell what is the matter with him give my best respects to Mr [sic] 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 [sic] and mumps you must rite [sic] to me as often as you can

Your affectionate husband Ambers Doss

Camp Bradford near Huntsville Ala  
october [sic] 21 1861

Mrs [sic] 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 [sic] to communicate to you the times is tolerable tight on us the boys ar [sic] some of them gits somewhat mad at the way we ar [sic] treated and infact [sic] the boys has a right to complain at some of the treatment for our company has bin [sic] imposed on by the head officers but we in general submit without ceramony[sic]

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

I recd [sic] 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 [sic] them lines before now and it is useless to write anything more about it if you cannot come write often to me and let me know how you ar [sic] giting [sic] along



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

Nothing more but remains your loving husband

until death Ambrose Doss

To Sarah Doss and children

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

Ambrose Doss

Camp Bradford Near Huntsville Ala

this Nov the 8th 1861

Mrs Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I take the presant [sic] opertunity [sic] of dropping you a few lines and can thankfully say that my helth [sic] is good and hope that these lines will come to hand and find you all in the injoyment [sic] of helth [sic] I have nothing of much importance to write to you at this time We will leave this place in the morning for Pensacola thair [sic] is fifty thousand yankees [sic] scattered between Mobile and Pensacola fifteen hundred of which is cavelry [sic] its [sic] a large fleet and well prepared with all kinds of artierly [sic] they will make a brake [sic] somewhere thair [sic] is moore[sic] fears felt in regard to Mobile than any other point down in thair [sic] I would knot [sic] be astonished if our regt [sic] will git to try thair [sic] skill in the battle field with the yankees[sic] in a little time but if wee [sic] git into a fight at Pensacola it will be a artillery [sic] fight or the most of it unless they try to charge our baterys [sic] or wee [sic] ar [sic] 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

Ambrose 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 [sic] and I hope that they will come to hand and find you in the injoyment [sic] of the same blessings of God Wee [sic] left Huntsville on the 11th of Nov and landed in Mobile the 16th following without any occurance [sic] of any note Wee lay over in Corrinth [sic] 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 [sic] two miles from the landing a presant [sic] We ar [sic] preparing to go into winter quarters at this place but I do not think wee [sic] will stay here all the winter the orders for us to go to Pensacola was contramanded [sic] before we reached mobile [sic] in consequence [sic] of other troops filling our place We ar [sic] expecting the northers troops to atakt [sic] fort Gains and fort Morgan contineraly [sic] we ar [sic] 25 miles from the yankees [sic] and still unarmed thair [sic] is some bad feeling among the boys in consaquence [sic] of still being without arms thais [sic] is 4 or 5 thousand troops here and abouts mostly unarmed But fort Morgan is a strong place and will be hard for the yankees [sic] to git over But if fort Morgan is carried Mobile is doomed in the presant [sic] 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 [sic] times that we have had since the first of our trouble with the north

We have not recd [sic] a dime yet we was to have bin [sic] paid off yesterday but it has knot [sic] 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 [sic] of molases [sic] to you I can get them at 28 cents per galon [sic] I will send them to Montavalo and you can git them from thair [sic] thair [sic] is no use in talking about coffee for it is one dollar and 25 cents per pound and wee [sic] will soon have to do without here for its [sic] a article that can not be had in the south at presant [sic] tell all the Ala wiman [sic] of that country to bind up thair [sic] heads and git about making tea

This country is as hot as midsummer today and the country looks green the cotten [sic] blosoms [sic] looks fresh and blooming and the snakes is plenty sliding through grass thair [sic] has any man bin [sic] bit with a snake since we have bin [sic] hear [sic] We ar [sic] 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 [missing]

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

Tell Wm Henderson if he cannot git one dolar[sic] per barel [sic] for his cole [sic] to come on to Mobile and knot [sic] 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 [sic] that nothing but my being seperated [sic] from you and my children 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

Ambrose Doss to Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss And children

Mrs [sic] Doss pleas [sic] to send my wife word to be of good cheer the yankees [sic] has not got me yet I am in good helth [sic] and fine spirits send her word that I think I will git my mony [sic] in a few days and I will send a barel [sic] of molases [sic] to Montavalo for her marked to her or father I will start a letter as I do the molases [sic] 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 [sic] send any mony[sic] to her until I come and fech [sic] it If I cannot come I shall have to send it by mail

Yours respectfully [sic]

J. W. Rouse

Mobile Ala Camp Moore

November the 29 1861

Dear companion I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you no [sic] 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[sic] interest to write you we hav [sic] a rite [sic] smarte [sic] 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 [sic] David Burns departed from this world last nite [sic] and Mr linton aims to starte[sic] 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 [sic] any money nor guns I aimed to send you a barel [sic] of molases [sic] if we could draw any money but they ceep [sic] putting us off and it looks like they are not a going to pay us anything for our servises [sic] 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 boddly [sic] 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 [sic] 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 [sic] in the piney woods whare [sic] the ground is so pore [sic] 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 [sic] until death A Doss to Sarah Doss

Direct your letters to Mobile in care of cpt [sic] Hanby 19 regt [sic] 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 [sic] we have herd [sic] the canons off and on for weeks and we are bilding [sic] our winter quarters  
A Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Mobile Ala

Dec 8th1861

Dear Wife I seat my self to drop you a few lines whitch [sic] eaves me well and I hope this will find you in good health Our company is in tolable [sic] good health at present we are at present working at our winter quarters we will stay here this winter if not longer I dont [sic] 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 [sic] 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 [sic] get 100 per bbl [sic]for your coal come on to Mobile I meant all of you to write for I have not recd [sic] 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 [sic] he could not stand the campaign his brotherinlaw [sic] 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 t hey 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 Layfayette 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

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 enjoying 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 [sic] yet the winter has been verry [sic] dry it is raining some to day We have at last drawn our money we drewed [sic] it on the 20th of this month and I have bought you some molases [sic] and sent them to Montevallo and also I send you some money by David Hanby He will attend to getting the molases [sic] to you. When the money reaches you if you think you will need any corn you had better by [sic] it as soon as you can get it Buy 20 bushels if you think you need that mutch [sic] and get it as near as possible 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 it nothing happens 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 [sic] and be sure to keep the dust out of my gun it you possibly can and not loan it to any body atall [sic] 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 [sic] 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

B.

Near Mobile Alabama Head Quarters

Jan the 2 1862

Mr. W. E. Minte

Dear Sir I seat my self this eavning [sic] 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 [sic] interest to write you at the presant [sic] 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 [sic] is 2 regiments at this plase [sic] and one battalion and another regiment amoving [sic] here at this time It is reported that their [sic] is six thousand of yankees [sic] landed on the main land near Ship island it is thought that their [sic] will be a battle some whare [sic] about here in a shorte [sic] time and I think from what I can lern [sic] their [sic] is something of the cind [sic] a brewing though the big officers donte [sic] tell us anything a bout what is going on We have got our arms at last we have got muskets and we got one barrel of cataridges [sic] to the company I think from what I can lern [sic] you will here [sic] of a battle being fought down here in a shorte [sic] timer we moved in our winter quaretrs last night and I think if we can stay in them that the health of our regiment will be mutch [sic] 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 [sic] and a plenty of bread stuff about half and half of flour and meal and molases [sic] and coffey [sic] 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 [sic] ,military man and our Lieutenant Colonel is a very nise [sic] I donte [sic] think that he is as tite [sic] on his men acording [sic] to his athority [sic] as Colonel Wheeler is I have studied [sic] a bout my family until I have come to the conclusion to try to get a sustitue [sic] in my plase [sic] knowing that my family dos [sic] stand in need of my assistance I want you and all to write to me as we cant [sic] here [sic] 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 [sic] blessing I have nothing of grate [sic] intrist [sic] to write only we are at this time a living in our winter quarters our houses is 80 feet long and 12 feet wide they

are covered with shingles we have partitions [sic] ten feet [sic] long and six men stays in a room [sic] It is much [sic] comfortable [sic] than living in tents I think the health of our company is pretty [sic] much [sic] as it has been [sic] for some time Buck Hanby and Joseph Landrum has both [sic] departed from this life Buck Hanby died last Sunday was a week [sic] ago and Joseph Landrum died the 8 of this month their [sic] has been [sic] seven died in this company their [sic] has been [sic] five discharged and three more a looking for a discharge Captin [sic] Hanby has had very bad luck with his men their [sic] is a good deal of sickness in camps their [sic] is a great [sic] many a dying here with the typhoid [sic] fever Dempsey Warren is a lying very low with the fever tho [sic] he was thought to be better the last we heard [sic] from him I have been [sic] at work [sic] 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 work [sic] a plenty to keep [sic] me at work [sic] a month longer their [sic] is a great [sic] many soldiers stationed close to where [sic] we are their [sic] is seven regiments and one or two battalions and two companies [sic] of artillery [sic] they are all close a nuff [sic] to us to here [sic] their [sic] drums it is thought that their [sic] will be a battle down here but I think it very doubtful for I think the yankees [sic] is a afraid [sic] to venture out on land to us it is thought that England will recognise [sic] us as a free and independent nation and when she does [sic] that the blockade [sic] will be bursted up and then I think that we will have peace [sic] on our land once more it is said that England and France has both [sic] acknowledged [sic] our independence though it is not confirmed as yet it may be flying reports [sic] it is a very hard matter [sic] to here [sic] the truth in camps I dont [sic] no [sic] when I will get the chance to come home though if I dont [sic] before I will try to get a furlow [sic] and come home in March it is a bad chance to get off at this time I would like to see you all very much [sic] I still live in hopes [sic] that we will have peace [sic] on our land in a short [sic] time so that we can come home and live in peace [sic] and enjoy our selves as we have heretofore as I know by experience a man with a family dont [sic] see much [sic] pleasure in war whar [sic] he is tied [sic] 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 [sic] from you anytime and I have never recd [sic] 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 been [sic] to Richmond but we dont [sic] believe a word of it their [sic] is several of my acquaintances [sic] here in the different regiments that is stationed close a round us Thad Reed is on James Lein James Bagley James Field tell William Henderson if he will buy up some chickens that he will be certain [sic] of 6 \$ a dozen [sic] and if he will come to Mobile he is certain [sic] of 75 cents a barrel [sic] and maby [sic] 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 [sic] only remains your ever affectionate husband

A Doss to Sarah Doss and family

Camp Memminger  
January 24th 1862

Dear wife 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 [sic] keeper stating that they never reached there and send it to me and I will have it straitened [sic] out I will send you 4 handkerchiefs 1 for you and one each 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 husband A. Doss

I want you to write to me how many letters you have written to me I have not recd [sic] but 3 from you since I have bin [sic] 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 [sic] Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I am in recit [sic] of your kind letter of the 27th and it gratified me very much to learn that all was well and I can thankfully [sic] say that my helth [sic] is very good I hope that these lines will reach you all remaining in good helth [sic] 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 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 [sic] is nearly destroyed by the shell and shot of the enemy the citizens have all left Warenton [sic] Wee [sic] send one com to that place as picket beside this wee [sic] have picked all along the beach for miles up and down the coast wee [sic] are camped in two miles and a half of the yankees [sic] and our pickets is but little over a mile apart wee [sic] see them every day wee [sic] can hear them talk and fire off thair [sic] small arms their [sic] is seven larg [sic] vesels [sic] in sight this morning thair [sic] will no doubt be a powerful battle fought at this place some time knot [sic] far distant we ar [sic] well prepared on both sides wee [sic] ar [sic] 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 [sic] that I sent you Also



whether Minter got the pen that I sent him or knot [sic] Write soon direct your letters to Pensacola Floradia [sic] I will return to you soon as I can but you know when that will be I am as well contented as I can be seperated f[sic] rom you and my dear children thair [sic] is more fleas here than any place that I have ever bin [sic] as we cannot sleep for them they ar [sic] all through the sand I got a mess of polk [sic] salet [sic] for dinner 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 [sic] but two letters from you since I come to Mobile

Camp Near Corinth Miss

May the 20th 1862

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

Hospital Corinth Miss

May 26th 1862

My dear wife and children Thouse [sic] few lines leaves me in tollable [sic] health at the present time hopping [sic] thouse [sic] few lines may fine you all well at the time you may get this few lines I got heare [sic] on the 10 day of this month and tucke [sic] the jaundice I have bine [sic] varry [sic] sick with them but are up and about agine [sic] 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 [sic] until the 16th of July next I will bed at home for I am cleere [sic] by the conscrip [sic] law at time when you get some money from me I wont [sic] you to pay Mr. Minter six dollars Sary [sic] I must come to a close for the present time

Saltilo Miss

July 19th 1862

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 [[sic] blessing I have nothing of grate [sic] intrest [sic] to write moore [sic] than the health of our company is tolerble [sic] goode [sic] at this time I wante [sic] you to send my watch by Mr [sic] Rogers if he coms [sic] backe [sic] if it is fixed and if he donte [sic] come I woulde [sic] like for you to sende [sic] it by the first person that is coming here that you can put dependance in ande [sic] if you can fix any way to make me a colered [sic] shirte [sic] I wante [sic] you to sende [sic] it to me though I donte [sic] wante [sic] it without is colered [sic] and I woulde [sic] like to have one or two pare [sic] of drawers I have been making some inquiry aboute [sic] getting out under the conscript and I donte [sic] see any chance for me to git [sic] out yet though I thinke [sic] that as soon as the conscript is brought in to fill up the plases [sic] of those that is over and under the age I will come home their [sic] is four men from evry [sic] Regt that is to be sente [sic] out after the conscript men and I want you to tell William Henderson if he has to come to the ware [sic] I woulde [sic] like for him to come to this company if Mr. Rogers dose [sic] come I woulde [sic] like for you to sende [sic] me a boute [sic] a pecke [sic] of onions and if William Bibb also make any brandy I woulde [sic] like to have a boute [sic] a qrt [sic] if you have any chance to sende [sic] it and I wante [sic] you to write whether you have gote [sic] the 20 dollars thate [sic] sente [sic] by Mr [sic] Warnicke and if you havent [sic] I wante [sic] you to bory [sic] whate [sic] money you neede [sic] from Mr [sic] Minter and as soon as I draw I will replase [sic] it we havent [sic] drawed [sic] any money since I come backe [sic] we have a bout [sic] 5 months due us at this time I wante [sic] you to write how your crops looks and whether you have had any rain and if

William Henderson has to go to the ware [sic] I wante [sic] you to get him to bory [sic] Minters canoe and go down and bring my crowbars up and have them taken care off [sic] I wante [sic] you to write every chance you have we have no vegetables attal [sic] all that we have is beef and bred [sic] and some molases [sic] write soon and I will write evry [sic] chance so nothing moore [sic] at present only remains your affectionate husband Ambrose Doss

Camp Near Saltilo this July the 27th 1862

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

I will say that wee [sic] will leave this place perhaps today wee [sic] ar [sic] ordered to Chatanooga [sic] it is thought that thair [sic] will be a battle up thair [sic] before long and from preasant [sic] indacations [sic] it looks verry [sic] reasonable wee [sic] will leave the western army in this country but the main forces will be drawn off in the direction of Chatanooga [sic] if the preasant [sic] orders is knot [sic] 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 [sic] the head officers overrules the laws nearly as they pleas [sic] I do knot [sic] know under preasant [sic] circumstances when I will be at home again whether ever or knot [sic] I can only say for you to do the best you can whether I come or knot [sic]

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

The boys from that neighborhood is in common helth [sic] 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 [sic] we still hope for a speedy close of hostilitys [sic] and have a honorable peace so that all can return to the imbraces [sic] of those loved ones at home to remain undisturbed posesion [sic] of all our rights while life remains nothing more yours till death

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Chatnooga [sic]Tenassee [sic]

Aug 8th 1862

To Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

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

When you write dirict [sic] your letters to Chattanooga Tenassee [sic]

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 thankfuly [sic] say my helth [sic] is good at this time and hope that this will reach you in the full injoyment [sic] of the same blessing of God Dear wife I cannot write anything acurate [sic] in regard to the movement of this army but I have thought that would be sent to Richmond tho [sic] the prospects looks at presant [sic] as if wee [sic] would go to some other point Gen-Brag says that he aimd[sic] to winter in yankedom [sic] if he does that I am satisfied that we have some considerable fighting to do before

we reach Cincanata it is thought by some that thair [sic] will be but more fighting done but I think it will last for some months and perhaps years tho [sic] I hope how soon it may termanate [sic] for no man that lives wishes more to be in thair [sic] family circle at home with those I love and in whoes [sic] intrest[sic] 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 luxerys [sic] of earth if I could attain [sic] them would be miserable indeed for in your welfare I rejoice but anything that render you unhappy distroys [sic] my peace also but my asureinces [sic] of my afections [sic] 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 untill [sic] mortality shall cease and give place to imortality [sic] and stirs hope that wee [sic] will all meet in a better world wher [sic] wars will knot [sic] molest our perfect happeness [sic] 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 gits [sic] it I will send it to you I hope I will draw soon if I do I can send you anough [sic] 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 wee [sic] ar [sic] looking for James Daily he may git [sic] off before this reaches you I do not care about your sending me them clothes that I sent word for untill [sic] November I would like to have a par [sic] of pants and par [sic] or two of drawers I have bought some shirts I will be compelled to close this write soon direct letters to Tynsville opo Hamelton Co. Tenn

Ambrose Doss

yours till death to Sarah Doss

Camp near Chatanooga

this August 29th 1862

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss Dear and affectionat [sic] companion I am seated in the woods this morning and all seems to be a lively scine [sic] of playful mirth around me while these lines is pening [sic] all seem to be incoucious [sic] of the certainty of the desolation of this mortal body but I think I look forward with due solemnity to that solom [sic] moment which posable[sic] is not far distant and thank the giver of all good that my helth [sic] is quite good at presant [sic] and that it is as well with me as it is this beatiful [sic] morning Dear wife I supose[sic] we will march today towards Mcminville it is reported that the yankees [sic] ar [sic] falling back rapidly which I think is so but am inclined to think that they ar [sic] only concentrating thair [sic] forces and that we will have a bloody meeting with the insolant [sic] invaders of our soil and if so I hope that we will be intirely [sic] successful and that the blood hounds will be forced to quit our soil in hast [sic] if these hops[sic] is realized I could hope for a cesation [sic] of hostilitys [sic] and perhaps the smilings [sic] 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 [sic] one of our men John Buttler brother to Lathams soninlaw [sic] stole 70 dollars and 50 cts [sic] from T. M. Love while they sleeping together and made a search and found it behind the lining [sic] of his hat he is under guard and will get ruff [sic] treatment I suppose if you have a good chance send me a shirt and par [sic] of pants and par [sic] drawers by cold wether [sic]but if you dont [sic] have good chance dont [sic] trouble about it I will make out anyhow finely yours till death

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss give my respects to all friends

Camp near Bardstown Nelson County Kentucky

This October the 2cond 1862

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I am permitted one time more through kind providence to drop you a few lines to inform that my helth [sic] is quite good at presant [sic] hoping this will find all in the injoyment [sic] of the same blessings of God We ar [sic] lying on our ears doing nothing but drilling a little the northern forces has mostly fell back to Louisville and ar [sic] fortifying that place we sused [sic] that Brags intentions was to move on that place before this time from some cause unknown to me that atakt [sic] has bin [sic] delayed and I think if Louisville is to be the place of atackt [sic] every hour of time delayed will allow to the number of brave soldiers that must inevitable fall before that place is taken by us we have marched over at least 3 hundred miles since we left Tynesville Tenn many of our troops fell sick on the march and some of them was left behind and fell into hands of the yankee [sic] cavelry [sic] we suppose [sic] that 6 or 7 of our company has been taken prisenor [sic] as they was left behind sick tho [sic] they will be at home on parrole [sic] before this reaches you if they was taken and theirs but little doubt but what they ar[sic] we took 43 hundred prisenor [sic] at Munfordville all thair [sic] arms and acoutermints [sic] we should knot [sic] have lost a man if it had knot [sic] bin [sic] for the rash conduct of Gen Chalmer he was sent in front with his brigade of Mississippi [sic]Troops to go as fare [sic]as Cave City and thair [sic] await the main body knowing the yankees [sic] was behind intrechments [sic] at Munfordville the intention was to aproach [sic] them on all sides and insure victory with but little loss but Gen Chalmer pushed madly on with one brigade of 12 or 15 hundred men and atakted [sic] the fortifications over 4000 strong and the result was he was repulsed with heavy loss without doing the enemy much damage but marched on to his asistance [sic] and planted our artilery [sic] nearly all round the works in the night and found out that amediate [sic] distruction [sic] was thair [sic] doom unless they surrendered which they did before we opened on them. if Gen Chalmer had knot [sic] bin [sic] so hot headed we would knot [sic] have lost any men of consequence [sic] but if we allways [sic] come out

as well as we have on this march we will not [sic] complain Dear wife it is reported that Gen Buell of the northern army has resigned his commission [sic] in consequence [sic] of Lyncolns [sic] late proclamation and J. C. Davis Brig Gen in the yankee [sic] army killed May-Gen-Nelson at Louisville the other day they disagreed the affairs [sic] of thair [sic] Government [sic] and then fell out about thair [sic] work on the intrenchments Gen Nelson commanded the forces that Kirby Smith whiped [sic] out so badly he retreated to Louisville and come to his death as above stated our officers and men is in fine spirits and many of them think that this cruel war will soon close I hope it may be so tho [sic] God knows that will be the final issue [sic] of things one thing I do know that I am fare [sic] away from a tender wife and beloved children and whether I will ever be permitted [sic] to meet them again on earth or not [sic] God only knows but my heartfelt wishes is for your welfare both now and after death I have never recd [sic] a line from you since the letter you sent by Hix and you need not [sic] unless you can send the letter by some person that is coming to the army I hope however that the way will soon be opened so letters will pass without difficulty [sic] I passed in 25 miles of Burksville but never saw any of our folks James and John Rogers is well Lieut-Rouse is well the company is generally [sic] in tolerable health [sic] we are [sic] ordered to cook 2 days rations I suppose [sic] we will leave tomorrow but in what direction I dont [sic] no [sic] Dear wife I must close this if I meet you no more in this poor world I hope to meet you all in a better world where wars is at a end and the weary is at rest yours till death

Ambrose Doss

to Sarah Doss and children

Camp near Knoxville Tenn

this October the 29th 1862

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss Dear wife and children I am permitted [sic] through kind providence one time more to drop you a few lines which leaves me well and hope that this will reach you and find all well I have not seen no news [sic] from home since the letter Hix brought me I am thairfore [sic] anxious to hear from home I can say that I do not [sic] think thair [sic] has bin [sic] much made by our Kentucky trip it seemed that our General could not [sic] be kept from running [sic] altho [sic] the officers and men was anxious to fight Bragg will not [sic] fight if he can find any ground to run on many of our soldiers has and will die from hard marching and suffering we went 3 days a time or two without any provisions only what parched corn we could get which was a small amount you can imagine [sic] our suffering we was skirmishing [sic] and in line of battle for many days and nights with nothing like half rations none of the time Thomas C. Hudelston of our company died the day after we reached here [sic] of pneumonia fever [sic] and many of the boys is unwell and a few of them very sick Bud Fields of the 28 Regt is dead he died some time back as to clothing I need two colored [sic] cotton [sic] shirts and two par

[sic] of pants and 2 par [sic] of socks if you can get them to me by first passing send them two [sic] me allso [sic] send me my necklace I need a par [sic] of good strong shoes if you can get them made it knot [sic] try to send me a good par [sic] of lethers [sic] I will close this yours till death Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss and children

Camp near Murfreesborough [sic]Tenn

Dec 12th1862

Dear Wife

I seat myself to drop you a few lines which leaves me in good health at present and I trust this will find you in good health also all the family I have no news of importance to write to you we are camped in one mile of Murfreesboro we do not expect to stay here long we have not built any winter quarters yet I recd [sic] a letter from you by Mr [sic] Vann also the clothing you sent me I was glad to hear from you also glad to get the clothing Mr [sic] Rouse has not come yet we are looking for him any day and we are very ancious [sic] to see him we have got no commissioned officer with us Hagood and Reed has gone home and the Capt [sic] has not come yet Jessie Young has got back to his Regt but I have not seen him it is reported that they have the smallpox in that Regt and I have not been over to see him he says he was in the neighborhood of the Speares and Abraham Spear is not dead I want you to write to me soon write what the boys in the settlement are doing and where they are all gone if you know If you see any way or any chance send me some potatoes as I have not had mess this fall and winter Joseph Couch died at Tulohuma [sic]Ten [sic] on the 20th Nov the company is in very good health at this time we have not drawn any money since 15th Sept we will march soon again I recond [sic] I will close for the present write soon I sent some money to you by Mr [sic] Campbell he has come back and paid on his money to me again I would like for you to write to me and give me all the things you have recd [sic] from me since I got Back to the Regt I will close for this time write to me direct to Murfreesboro Ten [sic] your husband until death A. Doss to Sarah Doss

Desember [sic] the 15 1862

Camp near Murfresbor [sic] tennessee [sic]

Dear Wife an [sic] children I avale [sic] my self this evening to inform you that I am well all to a bad cold I do hope when these few lines comes to hand they will find you all well I have nothing new ner [sic] strang [sic] to rite [sic] at presant [sic] we all ar [sic] faring very well at this time liut [sic] Rous got in yisterday [sic] and brought all you sent me but the brandy the shous [sic] that you sent me I can make out vary [sic] well with and was



vary [sic] proud that you sent them to me John sent me some walnuts I was vary [sic] well pleast [sic] with the presant [sic] tho [sic] John if I could get the chanes [sic] to send you any walnuts I could send them buy [sic] the bushel we ar [sic] sationd [sic] rite [sic] in a walnut grove the potatoes that I got I eat of them and thought of home all the time I got the 3 appels [sic] that you sent all so Sary [sic] I will send the bottle back to you and you can fill it again and send it buy [sic] the firs [sic] chaes [sic] and if you have no chanes [sic] you can fill it and keep it till I come er [sic] tell [sic] you hear that I am dead I would like to see you all vary [sic] mutch [sic] and will come to see you the first chanes [sic] I can get Sary [sic] I will state to you that I had the honor of seeing presadent [sic] davis [sic] last saturday [sic]

Corn an [sic] meat is cheaper hear [sic] than it is thear [sic] corn can be bought hear [sic] at 100 per bushel porke [sic] is worth from 12 to 15 cts [sic] per pounds you rote [sic] to me to get you some Salt but ther [sic] is no chanes [sic] Sary [sic] for me to get a bit wee [sic] suffer vary[sic] mutch [sic] for salt hourselves[sic] but I am going to send you 25 dollars buy [sic] Robart dickenson and I want you to buy salt enough to do you let it cost what it will we havent [sic] drawd [sic] money in near 4 monts [sic] when we draw I will send you more this I send you now is the money that I started to you buy [sic] Cambel he brought it back to me Sary [sic] if you heant [sic] bought corn enough to do you I dont [sic] want you to delay any time and bee [sic] shore [sic] not to stop till you no [sic] that you have got aplenty to do you if you heant [sic] got money enough tell frend [sic] minter to assist you and I will send the money just as soon as I draw it Capt Hanby and his father jest [sic] now come in and it may be possible if old davy [sic] stays some days that wee [sic] may draw money and if so I will send it buy [sic] him Sary [sic] I will send you a fine come [sic] so I must close A Doss to Sary [sic] Doss

Camp Near Murphreborough [sic]

this December the 19th 1862

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

Dear wife and Children I drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well at this time hopping to hear from you all in good helth [sic] I wrote a letter by Robert Dickerson but Mr. Hanby come in and he will reach you before Dickerson comes in I thought I would let you know by this letter that I recd [sic] all you sent but the brandy the bottle came to hand but it was empty lieut [sic] Rouse put the bundle on top of the boxes and clothing fearful the bottle mought [sic] git [sic] broke tho [sic] thair [sic] was several with him and tho [sic] they had plenty of brandy all the way and no cause for drinking mine he cannot acount [sic] for it without a soldier took it he took half galon [sic] from Lieut [sic] Rouse tho [sic] the brandy is gone and I send you the bottle to fill up and try again or save it till I come we will leave to day on picket 12 miles towards Nashville we will take 3 days rations with us I read your letter by Capt-Hanby and was sorry to hear of your being sick tho [sic] I hope you will recover soon and remain in good helth [sic] until we meet again I

have clothing aplenty to do me this winter tho [sic] when you can do so make me a suit of gray janes tho [sic] dont [sic] be in any hurry about it I send thirty five dollars by Mr [sic] Hanby we have knot [sic] received our draw that due us but will soon you will git [sic] the letter by Mr [sic] Dickerson soon I will close this so my dear and afectionat [sic] wife I bid you farewell for the presant [sic] yours till death

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

N.B.

tell uncle James Jacks that Abram Sphers is not dead and his sons nearly all in northern army

Camp near Winchester Tenn

Jan the 8 1863

Dear wife I drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well and getting on tolerable well the Battle of muffedreesborough [sic] was harder than Shilo [sic] was we got several wounded Wm Landrum Virt Henderson was wounded and died Wash Berry was killed J B Fawks W L Vann and W. J. Vann Bob Baird Lieut [sic] Hagood and Rouse was all wounded we fell back to this place and we are ordered back to Shelbyville 25 miles we whiped [sic] them bad but they was reinforced and we had to fall back I will write again as soon as we settle we have been out on picket and fighting and marching for the last 23 days we have not seen our close [sic] since we started out on picket I want you to make me some close [sic] as I am afraid that I will loose [sic] them it war [sic] reported that I was mising [sic] in camps but it warent [sic] so we started on 3 day picket next morning after the Capt [sic] and we stayed out 15 days and we havent [sic] got to see the Capt [sic] sence [sic] he is with the wagon train I will write again as soon as I can you must write I will try to come home when we get settled if I can I will close so no more

A Doss

Camp near Shelbbyville [sic] tennessee [sic]

January the 18 1863

Sah Doss

Dear loving wife an [sic] children it is with pleasher [sic] I seat my self this evening to anser [sic] your most kind an [sic] loveing [sic] letter whitch [sic] was dated 28 it give me

grate [sic] satisfaction to hear that you was all as well as you war [sic] I am enjoying vary [sic] good at the presnt [sic] and I do hope these few lines will safeley [sic] reach you an [sic] find you enjoying the same like blessing Sarah I drapt [sic] you a few lines the 8 of this month whitch [sic] will give you a small sketch of the battle that I was in if you get it tho [sic] Sarah I will say that the Shilou [sic] battle was not a comparason [sic] to this one whiar [sic] I was for I saw more dead men in one field than I saw in the hole [sic] Shilou [sic] battle but we drove the ennimey [sic] all the time that we faut [sic] we was in the line of battle from Sunday morning till 12 oclock [sic] the next Saturday nite [sic] the fite [sic] on Saturday nite [sic] beetwine [sic] 8 an [sic] 9 oclock [sic] in the nite [sic] was the hardest contest we had but stod [sic] hour [sic] ground an [sic] drove the enemy [sic] back an [sic] then we reseat [sic] orders to face back whitch [sic] durin [sic] all this time that we was out was the worst cold an [sic] rainiest time ever exspearnst [sic] all most in life Sarah I pade [sic] Capt [sic] Hanby for that corn that I got from him the spring before I left that is seteld [sic] for it ever comes against you I want you to rite [sic] to me how you are making out for sault [sic] and all So whether you have bought aney [sic] corn an [sic] what is the chanes [sic] for you to get corn Sarah I was from the time that we left camps we was some 20 od [sic] days till we got back to whiar [sic] I could get my napsack [sic] and when I got it some one had takend [sic] my new janes [sic] pants out of it and I have never sean [sic] them yet but I bought a par [sic] from Capt [sic] hanby [sic] and had to pay 14 dollars for them clothing is vary [sic] hige [sic] and hard to get Sarah I want you to make me a sleeve jacket an [sic] line it thru an [sic] dont [sic] put any buttens [sic] on it I can take the butens [sic] off my old coat an [sic] put on it I want you to put 9 buttens [sic] holes up the brest [sic] Sarah I want to no [sic] whether you ever got that 10 dollars I sent to you from massipia [sic] give my best respects to all enquiring frens [sic] rite [sic] as soon as you get this letter so nothing more at presant [sic]

A Doss to Sarah Doss

January the 26th 1863

Dear wife and children I seat my self to let you know that I am well and hoping when these lines comes to hand they may find you all well and doing well I recieved [sic] a letter from you roat [sic] December the 28th I have roat [sic] two sence [sic] the battle and has got no answer yet the Capt [sic] is going to start home in the morning and I will send this letter by him I give him thirty dollars to bring to you I rote [sic] to John Brake to day to let you hav [sic] corn if he had any to spair [sic] if you get hit [sic] from him pay him for hit [sic] get him to hall [sic] hit [sic] for you if you get hit [sic] from him I think that the men that is liable to the conscript had better volinteer [sic] if they will volinteer [sic] they will get their bounty and they will be alloud [sic] to join any company that they choose to join hit [sic] is raining and I will come to a close so nothing moore [sic] at

present onley [sic] remains your husband until deth [sic] rite [sic] soon and oftin [sic] and  
give me all the news  
A. Doss

Camp near Shelbyville  
Febuary [sic] the 14th 1863

Dear wife & children I seat my self to inform you that I am well at this time Hopin [sic]  
when these lines comes to hand they may find you well and doing well I hav [sic] nothin  
[sic] of intrest[sic] to write moore [sic] than the boys is better helth [sic] than they hav  
[sic] bin [sic] since the battle we have got ten conscripts in our company they hav [sic]  
bin[sic] grumling [sic] around the doctor for a discharge Morgan Isacks is in our  
company he is well and hardy he has not bin [sic] trying to get a discharge  
I sent fifty dollars to you the other day by William Hanby I hav [sic] not receive no letter  
from you sence [sic] the 28 of December I wood [sic] like the best in the world to hear  
from you I will send you a few pins in this letter if you get them I will send you some  
moore [sic] I will send Maryann a finger ring one of our make and a brass pen point the  
pins and pen point is sent to Sary [sic] Doss this is the forth [sic] letter that I have roat  
[sic] since the battle and hav [sic] got no answer I want to know whether you hav [sic]  
got the things that I hav [sic] sent I sent a belt and gun cock by Mr [sic] Landrum we air  
[sic] expectin [sic] orders to leave hear [sic] every day but I dont [sic] know wheir [sic]  
we will go Some of the bois [sic] saw Brown Davinport the other day and he was well I  
will close this letter by saying rite [sic] soon and give me all the news So give my best  
respects to all in quiring [sic] friends nothing moore [sic] onley [sic] remains your ever  
and affectionate husband un till deth [sic]  
A Doss to Sary [sic] Doss

Camp Near Shelbyville Tenn [sic]  
April 17th 1863

Dear Wife

I will write a few lines to inform you that I am in good health at this time and hoping  
these few lines may find you and family in the same condition I want you to write to me  
as soon as you can for I havent [sic] got narry [sic] letter from you since the twenty  
seckond [sic] of february [sic] there is nothing of intrest [sic] up here times is verry [sic]  
still at this time every thing is very hy [sic] up heare [sic] they gess [sic] at a mans [sic]  
price and take it Nothing never gits [sic] so hy [sic] but what some body will buy it I seen

John Milton Douglas the other day we have been close to one another evry [sic] since we were at Corrinth [sic] and I never seen him till the other day Logan aint [sic] dead or wasnt [sic] last february [sic] I am agoing [sic] to apply for a furlough to come home to cut yore [sic] wheat and if I cant [sic] git [sic] it I want you to come to see me if we still stay in Tenn [sic] I want you to write to me what has become of the boys in the settlement that was runaway and them that hadent[sic] went out what have they done with them I wrote to you and tried to put a ring in it and I forgot it tho [sic] I will put it in this one for pollyan [sic] I sent you one by Captain Hanby write soon and give me all the news so no more at this time

A Doss

Camp near Shelbyville Tenn [sic]

this April the 21st 1863

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

Dear Wife and children I with pleasure take this opportunity of dropping [sic] you a few lines which leaves me only in common helth [sic] I feel somewhat like takeing [sic] the jaudans [sic] again tho [sic] I hope it will wear off in a few days I recd [sic] your very kind letter by Lieut [sic] Rouse and was glad to hear all was well and doing the best you can I was glad to hear that your wheat looked fine but want to be thair [sic] to learn them deer how to be eating my wheat I hope you will be lucky anough [sic] to kill some of them I hope that it will be a good crop year if so I think that thair [sic] will be a considerable chance of corn made Well Sarah I do knot [sic] know anything about whether I shall be able to get to come home anytime soon ar [sic] knot [sic] tho [sic] if I live I shall try for furlough after awhile but the prospects is good for a powerful battle in this vacinity [sic] between the two armys [sic] in a short time the yanks is concentrating heavy forces in front of us and the prospects is good for a avance [sic] of the yankey [sic] in short time General Johnson is in command of this army I hope we will be victorious Dear wife I aim to do my duty what time I live and I hope to be spared to meet you again but it may be that fate will decide different if so I shall try to submit with the right kind of fortitude tho [sic] I hope I will pass through all those killer scenes and be aloud [sic] to come to the inbraces [sic] of loved ones at home Do the best you can and try to make all the corn that you can next year will no doubt be the hardest year that has ever bin [sic] wittnessed [sic] in this continent Capt [sic] Hanby said that he left that bottle of brandy at home and told Jess Hanby to take it back I supose[sic] if you will inquire thair [sic] you will get the bottle I have written three letters since I sent that letter by Capt [sic] Hanby I recd [sic] a letter today from James Rogers he wanted to know where John Rogers was he is in Rome Georgia in the hospittle [sic] he has bin [sic] quite sick but was mending at last acounts [sic] the boys is in only tolerable helth[sic] thair [sic] is more sickness than thair [sic] was sometime back they suffer greatly for greens and vegatables [sic] of all kinds John Henderson and Benjamin Skinner has

joined our company they came last week John is tolerable sick and Jackson Eaton is un well Well boys I want you to be good boys and obey your mother in all respects let me never hear bad reports of you which I never have heard and have a better opinion of you than to think you will be guilty of any powerful bad thing so be good boys and let me allways [sic] retain such confidence in you as young just verging into manhood now is the time to shape your course for life act upright with all with which you have any dealings in every respect act like good honest gentlemen and by so doing you will command the high esteem and respect of all good men take this advice from a father whos [sic] whole thoughts is for your welfare Sarah if you cannot get paper write and I will send you some by the first opportunity I will send you a few stamps by this letter I will close yours till death  
Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss and children

Camps near Shelbyville Tennessee

April the 24th 1863

Dear wife and children

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines which leave me rather unwell at this time I was vasinated [sic] again and my arm made me sick it was a great deal worse than it was when I was vasinated [sic] before when I was at home we ar [sic] faring very well here about something to eat we get plenty of meat and bread I want you to write to me write where all the boys are I want to know where Joel and all the boys in there have gone to We are expecting a battle here every day I have missed duty 2 days which is the first time I have missed duty since I was at home I got Lieutenant Rouse to write me a letter since he come back but I did not know whether you would get it or not as what made me write again so quick I thought you might get one of them I have written 5 letters to you since Capt [sic] Hanby left here the last time If you make me my shirts make them larger these that I got the collars and ristbands [sic] are too little I cannot button them I received your letter dated the 12th of this month and I was glad to here [sic] that you were all well I want you to take good care of my gun If I live to get home I expect to need it I want to kill some of them deer with it I want you to write to me how much money you have received from me since I left home You wrote to me you wanted me to send you some envelops [sic] I will send you some as soon as I possibly can I send you an envelop [sic] in every letter I can get one in I want you to make all the onions and shalots [sic] you can If I can not get to come home to take care of your wheat for you I want you to come to see me and bring me some onions shalots [sic] and such things Give my best respects to all my neighbor Tell John Deavenport to write to me I want to see you all very bad I will come to a close by asking you to write soon Nothing more at present but remain your affectionate companion until death  
Ambrose Doss

I did not get the bottle of brandy that Captain Hanby started He said he could not get it in his sachel [sic] and he left it at his fathers

A Doss

The State of Tennessee Bedford Co. Murfresboro

April 30 1863

Dear wife and children

I have a bad arme [sic] from vascination [sic] and I taken (Erisiplis?) [sic] from the vascination [sic] I binn [sic] of duty nine dayes [sic] and they talk of sending me to the hospitel [sic] and if they do I will try to git [sic] a furlou [sic] to come home nex [sic] month I will send you fifty dollars by lieutenant Hagood I sent Elizabeth a ring and five sence [sic] pees[sic] to lieusenda [sic] tell all of the nabors [sic] howdy for me tell Mr [sic] minter that I think that he has forgotin [sic] me and if I dont [sic] git [sic] a furlow [sic] I wont [sic] you to git [sic] a too [sic] horse wigin [sic] and come to see me and bring as many of the children as you can if I stay in Tennessee I hope thes [sic] few lines may find you all well and doing well So I close this letter by saing [sic] I remain your affection husband untill deth [sic]

A Doss to Sarah Doss

Picket Camp Shelbyville Tenn [sic]

May 7th 1863

My Dear wife Yours of the 27th Apr was recd [sic] with much pleasure this morning and I hasten to answer I have no war news of importance to write everything is moderately quiet here though all is ready or being made so for another fight should the Federals choose to advance I saw J. M. Douglas I did not know him until he spoke he asked if I knew Douglas then I recognized him he favors his father and is about such a size man as Wesly Belcher My arm has been very bad for three weeks past but is much better now So much so that I am able for duty My general health us good I will make application for a furlough but it is altogether uncertain whether it will be granted me I will write to you more definately [sic] as soon as I can find out Enclosed you will find some millit [sic] seed which I want you to sow as soon as you can Sow in some good place as you would turnips I wish you to write on reception of this State how much money you have recd [sic] from me since I was at home Hoping that this may find you and children in good health and wishing you every success

I remain your affectionate husband

Ambrose Doss

Picket camp above Shelbyville Tenn [sic]

May 23rd 1863

Dear wife

I embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well My health is better than it has been for six weeks My arm has got about well I made an application for a furlough a few days ago and it has returned disapproved I dont [sic] know now when I will get a chance to come home probably not until my time is out I want you to come just as soon as you get your work off of your hands so that you can leave it and if you will go and see Mrs [sic] Sanders I think she will come with you and you and her can get a two horse wagon and a yoke of oxen and come together and I want you to bring me all the eggs and butter that you can get if you can buy any in the settlement any where do so for eggs are worth two dollars a dozen and butter two dollars a pound here and as many onions as you can spare provided they are ripe enough to pull up when you come if we should make any moves before you git [sic] to come I will write and let you know

Edly Kirby joined our company and is dead he died at Chatanooga [sic] Tenn [sic] John Rogers has returned from the hospital but is not very stout yet and F. B. Warren has gone to the hospital but was mending when he left here Ben Skinner joined our company and started to the hospital and he was examined by the doctors at Shelbyville and they turned back and told him to come back to his company and he deserted he is the first man that has ever deserted from company C yet I sent you some soda by Robert Green and he was to leave it at T. M. Masseys You can inquire for it and if you get it let me know if you have got any clothes for me when you come bring me a pr [sic] of pants a pair of drawers and a shirt the first Ala Cavalry had a fight up above here yesterday there was some killed some wounded and about 80 of our men taken prisoners our men caught the man that piloted the yanks through and hung him this morning at 8oclock I cant [sic] believe I know anything else to write you must write soon no more at present farewell your affectionate husband

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Shelbyville

this June the 11th 1863

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss



Dear wife and children I am permitted [sic] one time more in life through kind providence to drop you a few lines which leaves me in fine helth [sic] at present and hope that this will reach you and find all in good helth [sic] it has been reported that the yanks was advancing and I suppose [sic] they did start and come part of the way but all is quiet at present [sic] But I do not know how long they will remain so it is thought by some that we will have to fight in a short time while others think that it will be some time before a battle here but all seem to think that thair [sic] will be a heavy engagement some where in this section of the country sooner or later I can only say I am as ready for it one time as nother [sic] I can only hope and feel like the hand that has protected me through so many dangers and trials and troubles is still able to preserve and protect me through all dangers to come I will say to you that the aplication [sic] I made for a furlough was disaproved [sic] and I want you to write what time you think you will be up to see me and I want to hear from home badly anyhow for the last letter I got from you bore date of the 17th of May I shall make application again in August for furlough and if you come out try to come the last of July and it may be that I can get to go home with you if you do not come then you had better put it off untill [sic] the 1st of September I can say to you that John C. Henderson and Edly Kirby is dead and also that Willis Young is dead Kirby died at Chatanooga [sic] Henderson died at Atlanta G.A. Young died at Shelbyville Tenn [sic] Well dear wife thair [sic] is tolerable helth [sic] in the army at present but thair [sic] has been 4 deaths in our company since the 1st of May Lafayett Parham and Jesse Burns has deserted and the allwis e[sic] Ben Skinner left first thair [sic] is a good deal of desserting [sic] from this army at present [sic] I remain your husband till death  
Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss and children

June the 20 1863

Camp near Shelbyville Tennessee

Dear loving wife and children I with all pleasher [sic] seate [sic] myself to let you no[sic] that I am well and doing well and I hope this few lines will soon come to hand and find you and the children enjoying the same blesing [sic] of God Dear wife I have nothing new ner [sic] strange to rite [sic] to you at present [sic] everything is still along hour [sic] lines at this time and has bin [sic] nearly ever sence [sic] the Murfresborow [sic] fite [sic] but we hear of powerful fiteing [sic] at other points and agreeable to the reports we have bin [sic] vary [sic] sucksesfull [sic] so far but we cant [sic] get no news that is reliable from Vicksburg and I fear that is gone and all so hour [sic] hale army Sarah I want you to come if you can come atall [sic] in July for I want to try to come home in the month of August if ther [sic] is no fiteing [sic] going on at that time Sarah you requested to no [sic] of me whether I new [sic] anything of Jake or not I heard that the Brigade that he was in came to Tulihoma [sic] but they did not stay thare [sic] but a day an [sic] nite [sic] they went from thare [sic] to Massipia [sic] Sarah if you can get 2 er [sic] 3 gallons of liquor and fetch with you I will make you 50 dol out of it while you stay Sarah I want

you to bring all the onions and eggs an [sic] butter that you can spare but I dont [sic] you to disfurnish you and the children buy [sic] no means and bring me some honey to [sic] if you can by [sic] it cheap enough honey is worth one dollar per pound hear [sic] butter \$1.00 an [sic] 50cts eggs 2.00 dollars per dozan [sic] I resead [sic] the last letter from you was dated may the 31 I had started you a letter a few days before I got yours whitch [sic] will state to you conserning [sic] the deth [sic] of the boys that you are acquainted with John Henderson Edly Curley Willis Young Ely Myreck joined hour [sic] co and dide [sic] Jesse Burns has deserted and gon [sic] from the army Silas Glover is still under gard [sic] yet Wesley Beshar has serd [sic] his time of imprisonment out and has come to the co and gon [sic] to duty Dan Doget was brought in the other day and was put under gard [sic] and i dont [sic] no [sic] what they will do with him I fear it will go vary [sic] tite [sic] with him he was furlowed [sic] from enterprise in July last and he would not come back and the cavalry brought him in I will send you a fine come [sic] in this letter and I want you to state to me whether you git [sic] it er [sic] not I want you to fetch lusinda if you cant [sic] fetch but 2 make your one stay with the other one I will have to quit for lack of paper

Camp of the 19th Ala near Chatanooga Tenn  
this the 8th of July 1863

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

Dear wife and children it is one time more in life I am permitted to reply to your kind letter of the 28th of June and it was with much pain that I larned [sic] that your helth [sic] was bad on account of the rising under your arm dear wife I must confess that it is the first time since the war commenced that I have saw a line from you that seemed to carry any sentence that you was the least disheartened about living dear wife be of good cheer tho [sic] all looks dark at this time the darkest hour is just before day I hope all is well I hear that Vicksburg has falen [sic] the army bears it with great patinces [sic] Lees army is victorious and moving on Baltimore removing all obsticales [sic] I feel like this war would last a long time yet tho [sic] I hope for the better prospects is good for the war to last untill Lyncolns [sic] 4 years is out Sarah I can not come home without dishonor and that shall never come on Ambrose Doss intentional I hope that I will see you and the children again and injoy [sic] life at home one time more tho [sic] Sarah I am still the same determind man and I feel certain that we will prosper in the end I take the liberty to give the lye [sic] to a report that is in circulation in that country that Co C has all deserted or nearly so and that Lieut [sic] Rouse started to march his company home he has been with the com urging them to do thair [sic] duty all the time in our marches and Company C has done its duty all the time the perticulars [sic] of our march will be given in a letter before a great while C. W. Belcher and Glover is well the priseners [sic] is all pardoned F. Parham is hear [sic] and I think his punishment will be light I sent you a fine tooth comb in a letter send me word whether you received it or not if I do not come

home in August I would like for you to come and see me if you can write soon to  
Chatanooga [sic] Tenn [sic]

Yours till death Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss and children

Camps near Chatanooga [sic] Tennessee

July 13th 1863

Dear wife

I avail myself of the opportunity of writing you a few lines which will inform you that I am in tolerable health hoping these lines may come safe to hand and find you all enjoying good health I have nothing of interest to write only we had a very hard time on the march from Shelbyville I received the letter you sent by James Rogers and was glad to here [sic] that you are getting a long as well as what you was also I received the shirte [sic] and onions which was very exceptable [sic] I am going to send you a little budget and a belt for little Ambrose also I am going to send too [sic] rings one for you and the other for Maryann you may take charge of the rings I have a pare [sic] of socks that I am going to send back as dont [sic] ware [sic] socks in warm weather and you can bring them backe [sic] if you come to see me I still aim to come home if I can git [sic] off if I see that I cant [sic] come home I will write and let you no [sic] I cant [sic] tell how long we will stay we may stay here some time I cant [sic] tell some thinks we will go to Mobile So I will close for the presant [sic] write occasionly [sic] and let me here [sic] how you are getting along So I remain your true husband

A Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp 4 miles south Chattanooga Tennessee

August 22nd 1863

Dear wife I write you a few lines which will inform you that I arrived here on the 20th safe and sound hoping these lines may come safe to hand and find you all enjoying good health they have not done anything with mee [sic] for staying over my time now I donte [sic] suppose they will I am on garde [sic] to day little James Rogers is writing for me I havent [sic] anything strange to write moore [sic] than the yanks has bin [sic] shelling Chattanooga they shelled the town all day yesterday there was one woman cilled [sic] and one little girl got here [sic] arm shot off and several men cilled [sic] and wounded It is reported that the enemy is advancing and I think the sign very good for a fite [sic] or a retreat before a grate [sic] while and I hope we may be able to contend with them and drive them away from this plase [sic] I cant [sic] think that we will evacuate this please without giving them a fite [sic] we are fortifying this plase [sic] strongly I

think we will be able to gave[sic] them a warm reception if they choose to advance on us So I will close for the presant [sic] I will send you some envelops [sic] by Mr [sic] Rogers write soon so I remain your affectionate husband till death  
Ambrose Doss

Camped Near Chicamauga [sic] Tenn [sic]

Sept 23 1863

Dear wife

I will drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well and come through the battle safe tho [sic] there was several of the boyes [sic] killed and wounded in our company there was fore [sic] killed James Robins Tom Love John Foster Frank Warnick is thought to be dead by this time John Hudson was wounded Ben Alexander Bob Baird Henry Willard W J Harris Marion Graves J. P. Hollingsworth Wash and Lige Martin George Reese and several others was slightly wounded I havent [sic] no news to write only we whiped [sic] them badly and they fell back to Chattanooga John and Jim Rogers both come throu [sic] safe Peter Warren was at the hospital before the fight and is there yet Champ come throu [sic] safe I saw Brown Deavenport yesterday he com throu [sic] safe I saw Bob Nail Saturday evening slightly wounded on the nose and he said Marsh Gil was wounded in the head but not dangerously Martin Rogers said he didnt [sic] think he was dangerously I saw Martin on Sunday morning Andrew Robins was mortatly [sic] wounded Jessy Young come throu [sic] safe I will write soon again you can direct yore [sic] letters to Tyner Station Tenn [sic] from yore [sic] affectionate husband till death

A Doss

In Lines of Battle near Chatanooga [sic] Tenn [sic]

this Oct the 5th 1863

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

Dear wife and children it is with the greatest of pleasure that I write these few lines and can say with thanks to the Almighty that my helth [sic] is quite good and hope that this will find all well I have nothing strang [sic] to write We are shelling Chatanooga [sic] at the present time for the most of the time since we whiped [sic] the yanks thair [sic] has been shelling more or less we are in line of battle in plain view of the federal army we

ar [sic] some 2 or 3 miles from the main yanky [sic] force but we will be in picket tomorrow and will be in a short distance of them I hope however that I will come out all right as I have done on all former ocasions [sic] Dear wife I hope to pass through all coming fields of blood safe and that the south will finaly [sic] succeed and I be permitted to return to the imbraces [sic] of loved ones at home But of this there is no certainty for all wil [sic] admit that no man can tell the day of his death We only look and hope to be favored with the protection of the Allwise [sic] Being that has been our kind protector in all past dangers and that very thought and hope is almost the existence of all men that has a loving wife and children at home tho [sic] these hopes may be blasted at a single stroke as has been the case in thousands of cases since this bloody war commenced if that is or was to be the case the best way is to submit calmly to the fate that waits us I will send the 2 youngest boys a belt a piece and I will send 2 little bunches of powder and a basket I wont [sic] Sara Elizabeth to have it I will put a ring in this letter for sister Martha If you can get my coat ready and can have a good chance to send it try to send it by the 1st of November But don't send it unless you ar [sic] certain it will come through If you cant [sic] get buttons I can posable [sic] get them hear  
Yours till death  
Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

October 8th 1863

Line of battle in site of Chattanooga

Dear wife Since I have written I have taken an notion that I would write you a few lines more which will inform you that I am well and still here I will send you some buttons to put on my coat the men has not started home yet they thought of startin [sic] before now but will not go until tomorrow and I will send Mr. Minter some caps in the bunch with the buttons that [blank] tellagraph [sic] I send to you as a show that we tuck [sic] of old Rosey that he had [blank over the cuntry [sic] wher [sic] we had that battle on Sunday of the 20th of Sept I have nothing more of inters [sic] to write so I will close for the present write soon to your affectionate husban [sic] till deth [sic]

Ambrose Doss To Sarah Doss

Line of battlefront Chattanooga

Oct 25th 1863

My Dear wife

I again seat my self to write you a few lines more which will inform you that I am well at this time hoping these lines may soon come to hand and find you all enjoying the same blessing of health the regiment is generly [sic] well Rogers boys is all well I have nothing strange to write at presant [sic] only we are still lying in line of battle awaiting the advance of the enemy though I dont [sic] hardely [sic] think they will chose to come as we have stronge [sic] fortyfication [sic] to defend us I want you to write to me as I have wrote four times since the battle and this is the fifth one since the battle Jackson Eaton landed in camps to day well Salley we are hiking very harde [sic] we are bareley [sic] gitting [sic] half rashins [sic] we have had our cooking done done 3 or 4 miles from the Regt ever since the fite [sic] and it is managed very badly though our cooking vessels is ordered into us to day and I think we will fare better when we git [sic] to doing our own cooking I would like very mutch [sic] for you to send me a few potatoes and some dried fruit Also a few onions if you have any chance and have them to spare I want you to tell Brother Joel if he has any notion of joining the army I want him to come here if he will come and join this company I will git [sic] a furlough & recompence him bisids [sic] Old Bragg will gave any man a furlough that will get a recruit in his plase [sic] I want you to be shur [sic] and write I have to write with a pensil [sic] as I got my ink bottle broke and cante [sic] borrow no ink their [sic] is no ink in the company Green Sullivan was here to day he said R. H. Nail was well I want you to number your letters so I can tell how many you have wrote since I have I will gave you the number that I have wrote since I have recd [sic] since I have recd [sic] ary [sic] one this is 5 so I will close for the preasant [sic] yours as ever

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

November the 13th 1863

Camps near Chattanooga

Dear wife I seat my self to answer your most kind letters which came to hand yisterday [sic] and today the one marked date of November the 4th came to hand yisterday [sic] and the oen under date of Oct the 11th I received to day I was truly glad to hear that you was all well these lines leaves me in the best of helth [sic] and I hope when they reach your hand they will find you all enjoying good helth [sic] the helth [sic] of our company is vary [sic] good at the present time but I dont [sic] know how long hit [sic] will remain so we have a grate [sic] deal of duty to do we hav [sic] to drill three hours a day and hav [sic] to stand picket every five dayes [sic] we stand with in three hundred yards of the yankeys [sic] their [sic] is a grate [sic] many men disertin [sic] and going to the yankeys [sic] their [sic] was 32 men went out of the brigaid [sic] yisterday [sic] and last night to the yankeys [sic] their [sic] has several left our Regt since the battle of

Chicamauga [sic] they has bin [sic] several left Capt [sic] Hewits company there was 4  
left the other night I will give you their names Jessy Young and Alfor Fields Lishew  
Glover and Miller the reason that they air [sic] diserting [sic] so is for the want of  
something to eat we get but vary [sic] little meet [sic] these times we hav [sic] got only  
7 pound for the last 4 dayes [sic] past I will try to stay with them until my time is out I  
want you to send mee [sic] a half bushel of white pees [sic] if you hav [sic] got them or  
can git [sic] them without putting yourself to two [sic] much trubble [sic] the first chance  
I heard that the old man Brake had departed this life I want you to write and let me  
know whether the report is true or not I wood [sic] like you to send mee [sic] one shirt  
the first chance if you can without disfurnishing yourself or the children two [sic] much I  
got one sleeve of one of my shirts burnt off or I wood [sic] of had close [sic] a plenty to  
of dun [sic] mee [sic] this winter if confederate money will do you any good I will send  
you all that I can spair [sic] when I draw I think that I will draw it about the last of this  
month the eavning [sic] is groing [sic] late and I will come to a close Rite [sic] soon and  
let mee [sic] hear from you nothing moore [sic] at present onley [sic] I still remain your  
loving husban [sic] untill [sic] deth [sic]

A Doss to Sarah Doss

tell Mr [sic] Rogers that John and James is both well

Camp Near Dalton Ga

December 2nd 1863

My Dear Wife

I seat my self to write you a few lines which will inform you that I am still in the land of the living and I am well with the exception of colde [sic] I came threw [sic] the fite [sic] safe or sker [sic] which ever it is called we did not fite [sic] mutch [sic] though we run manfully [sic] I recd [sic] the things you sent mee [sic] by Mr [sic] Davenporte I recd [sic] a letter and some beef and 2 apples John and James Rogers come threw [sic] safe we had one man wounded in our company and three that was taken prisoners Champ Langford was the man that was wounded he was shot in the leg I donte [sic] think as a general thing we had many men killed through the yanks captured a grate [sic] many of our men I am faring very well considering every thing I have bin [sic] trying to draw a blanket for some time though have failed I want you to send me a blanket if you can conveniently [sic] and I got one of my shirts burnt and if you can I want you to send me a shirte [sic] also a pair of socks I want you to send T A Hewit word to make me a number one pare [sic] of shoes I want them to be no 11 we are building winter quarters though I donte [sic] no [sic] how long we will stay here Direct your letters to Dalton Ga I will write again in a few days so I will close as I am writing by fire lite and it is very dim I am in hops [sic] these lines will soon come to hand and find you all well and doing well So I remain yours as ever  
Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Thomas Graham died in a few days after he got to the army he died with a conjective [sic] chill Thomas James was captured in the fite [sic]

Camp near Dalton Ga

December 13th 1863

Dear Wife I again seat myself to drop you a few lines which will inform you that my health is very good at the present hoping these lines man [sic] soon come to hand and find you all enjoying the same blessing I have no late newse [sic] to write the health of our army is uncomon [sic] good we havent [sic] had a man on the sick reporte [sic] in 10 days in our company it is thought we will stay at this plase [sic] during the winter we have got us all very nise [sic] little shanties built since we came to this plase [sic] the Rogers boys and myself stays together We have lived tolerable well since we came to this plase [sic] we draw bread rashins [sic] tolerble [sic] plentyfully [sic] though our meet [sic] is very scanty we only draw three quarters of a pound of beef and it is very pore



[sic] they have got to ishuing [sic] the awfulest [sic] of all the beevs [sic] we draw the head and feet and toungue [sic] and harslets [sic] which we are glad to get Well Sarah I seen a site day before yesterday that I never saw before I seen 4 men shot to death for disertion [sic] they was setting on ther [sic] coffins when they was shot It was a awful site though I have seen so mutch [sic] it did not excite mee [sic] a gradeal [sic] I received a letter from you that you sent by hand of Brown Davenporte and has not herde [sic] from you since I answerd [sic] it soon afterwards though have got no answer I also recd [sic] the things you sent by him Thomas Graham was sent to the 28 Ala Regt & died soon after he got here Thomas James was captured in the fite [sic] and about half the regiment was captured at the same time I wrote in my other letter about wanting some clothing and shoes You need not to troble [sic] your self about getting me a shirte [sic] as I have drew one since I wrote before though I woulde [sic] like to have one pair of socks Also I woulde [sic] like for you to get F. A. Hewit to make me a good pair of shoes I want them to be high quartered and No. 11 I want you to write me all the late news I herde [sic] your father was dead though you never wrote anything about it so as I have wrote all the newse [sic] that I can think of I will close for the preasant [sic] yours as ever a true husband until deth [sic]

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Dalton Ga

December 16th 1863

Dear wife

I again seat my self to drop you a few lines which will inform you that I am well hoping these lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing I have nothing strange to write as I have written 2 letters to you since I had any answer Mr [sic] Hanby has called by to see us and I thought I would write a few lines and send it by him he is coming rite [sic] by our house John and James Rogers is all healthy and well and says tell ther [sic] folks to write to them I have a little hat that I am going to send by Mr [sic] Hanby to little James he has a bad way of carying [sic] it though I think he will bring it threw [sic] safe I have written to you in boath [sic] letters concerning my clothing and shoes I will state in this letter what I want as this letter will be shure [sic] to come threw [sic] safe I want 1 pair of socks and my coat and a blanket and if you can get T A Hewit to make me a good pair of shoes No 11 I woulde [sic] like for you to send them to me the first good chance yours as ever a true husband till death A Doss

Camp Near Dalton Ga

Jan 27th 1864

Dear wife

I seat myself to drop you a few lines which will inform you that my health is reasonably good hoping these lines may soon come to hand and find you all enjoying the same blessing I received your kind [sic] letter writ January 12th which I was glad to here [sic] that you was all well and doing as well as what you was though I was sorry to here [sic] of William Bibbs defeat I hope he may recover soon I have nothing strange or of intrest [sic] to write at this time the health of my companions is good I had bad luck with my clothing I washed all my clothing but what I had on and hung them out to dry and neglected to take them in at nite [sic] next morning when I got up and looked for them they was gone some rogu [sic] stolen them in the nite [sic] I lost the shirte [sic] you made me while I was at home and I lost the cotton pants and one pair of drawers I recd [sic] the socks you sent me Samuel Doget was court marshaled and shot last friday [sic] he belong to our company he is the first man that has bin [sic] put to death in that way that belongs to our regiment though their [sic] is several moore [sic] of our company that if they was brought back here their [sic] is no doubt but they would get the same punishment we are faring tolerble [sic] well at this time we get plenty of bread rations and 2 quarters of a pound of beef and several other little nourishments sutch [sic] as rise [sic] and sugar sometime and once and a while we get a little hog meet [sic] though it is seldom there is a considerable excitement among the soldiers a bout reinlisting their [sic] has bin [sic] some few reinlisted [sic] though they are but few as yet I think their [sic] will be a grate [sic] many that will reinlist [sic] for the war So it is gitting [sic] late and I have nothing worthy of your attintion [sic] I will close for the preasant [sic] write and give all the newse [sic] so nothing more at preasant [sic] only I remain your affectionate husband until death Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

This letter was written in a hurry though I hope you can reed [sic] it

Camp of 19th Ala Regt near Dalton Ga

Feb 22nd 1864

Dear wife I seat myself to write you a few lines which will inform you that I am well and doing well hoping these few lines may come safe to hand and find you all enjoying the same blessing I have nothing of intrest [sic] to write I received a letter from you since I have written the last letter I recd [sic] from you was written Jan 6th Dr Hays is here he is going to starte [sic] home in the morning I am going to send you some cloth to make you a meat sack also I will send a hand ax and a powder horn for the boys to put to ther [sic] shot gun I will send a canteen to little Ambrose I want you to make the boys

be very saving with ther [sic] powder donte [sic] let them use it is waist [sic] I believe I will send the shoes home that you sent me as I had just drew a pair a few days before I got the ones you sent mee [sic] they are about one half a inch too shorte [sic] for mee [sic] I want you to let frank Hewit have them back if he will make mee [sic] another good pair I want them to be at lest [sic] one half a inch longer if he will not promise to make them you can ceep [sic] the ones I send back the shoes that I have got will do untill my time is out and then I will come home if I live if I have to come in the nite [sic] I wrote you a letter and sent it by James Freasurs write to mee [sic] whether you recd [sic] it or not so I will close for the preasant [sic] nothing more at preasant [sic] only I remain your affectionate husband till death

A. Doss

John Rogers is going to send a powder horne in the same budget I am going to send little Lucinda a button for her breast pin

Camp of 19th Ala Regt Near Dalton Ga

March 3rd 1864

My Dear Companion

I again seat myself to write you a few lines which will inform you that I am well hoping these lines may come to hand and find you all enjoying the same Gods [sic] blessing I hav [sic] nothing strange to write I received the meet [sic] that that you sent by Mr [sic] Vann hit [sic] came in a good time We were just out for the first time since we came to this place we hav [sic] spent nearley [sic] \$100 dollars for meet [sic] since we hav [sic] bein [sic] at this place the yankeys [sic] maid [sic] an advance on us to try to scar [sic] us but we showed fight at them and they went back after having a little fight with Clatons Brigaid [sic] they killed 5 of Clatons men and wounded fifty one March Gill got his rite [sic] arm broke in the fight you stated in your letter that you had not no letter from mee [sic] since Mr [sic] Vann was up hear [sic] before I dont [sic] know what is the reason I know hit [sic] is not my fault for I have not roat [sic] less than a half dosin [sic] since that time I hav [sic] received all the things that your letters has stated anything a bout I sent some things by Dr Hays I sent some cloth to make some meal sacks their [sic] was 2 peases [sic] of the cloth their [sic] was one pease [sic] with my name on it the small pease [sic] only had one weadth [sic] the other pease [sic] I think had three weadth [sic] John and James Rogers was partely [sic] conserved [sic] in it and if you get them all I want you to gave Mrs [sic] Rogers a nuff [sic] to make her 2 sacks if you get it all I no [sic] their [sic] will be a plenty to make four large meal sacks I sent a hand ax and powder horn also you stated in your letter you did not want me to reinlist [sic] I can inform you that I have not as yet reinlisted [sic] nor I donte [sic] have any idie [sic] I will

be the next time you hear from mee [sic] I will close for the preasant [sic] O yes I had like to a forgot I intend to gave you a kiss the first time I see you for sending mee [sic] them sausages so I remain your affectionate husband till death

Ambrose Doss to Sarah Doss

Camp near Dalton Ga

My loving wife an childring [sic] as I have the opertunity [sic] at present I chearfuly [sic] drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well at presant [sic] and I truly hope this will reach you in dieu [sic] time and find you all enjoying the same blessing dear wife I have nuthing [sic] strang [sic] to rite [sic] to you this time we have some cold bad wether [sic] and it looks like continuation for some time yet I resead [sic] your kind letter that you sent buy [sic] Mr [sic] Vann I all so resead [sic] the clothing that the letter stated that you sent me and my coat fits finely and I most thankfuley [sic] received them for I war [sic] needing them vary [sic] mutch [sic] I must state to you that this is the onley [sic] letter that I have resead [sic] sins [sic] the one that Mr [sic] Davenport broat [sic] I have bin [sic] anxiously looking every male for a letter but war [sic] disappointed every time till I had all most become dishartend [sic] Buy [sic] Mr [sic] Vann I send you one hundred an [sic] 30 dollars and 1 pound of Sody [sic] 1 paper of neadels [sic] 1 pare [sic] of drawers 1 small han [sic] vise an some lead in balls I send you this small powder horn with fine powder in it and I want you to take good care of it till I come home if I ever do and if I dont [sic] give it two [sic] the boyes [sic]

At Chattahooche River West Bank

At fortifications July the 6th 1864

Mrs [sic] Sarah Doss

Much respected friend

It is with sad heart that I this morning take up my pen to announce to you the most painful intelegence [sic] that could possibly be penned to you Your husband is no more on earth forever. Ambrose is gone to the spirit world he was killed yesterday about 1 oclock [sic] by a cannon shot it struck him in the right side nearly even with the right breast and passed entirely through his body and through his left arm killing him instantly We had been ordered to the left to support that wing of the army. We had to pass some distance along the lines under a terrific cannonade and hence the above named casuality [sic] he has been Sargt [sic] of the Inf Corps ever since the commencement of this move and was at the time of his death marching in rear of the Regt at post as usual I was in front but when I learned that he was killed I got leave from the Col and myself

and James G and John F Rogers and George Eaton and R.C. Hix went back and got the body of our fallen brother and interred it with a much decency as the nature of the case would admit it was not [sic] done in as nice a manner as we would have preferred but far better than is common with us soldiers he is buried in 700 yards of the Chattahoochee [sic] River on the west side in or near the edge of the river bottom A pine sapling grows at both head and foot of his grave On the bark of the 1 growing at the head of the grave his rank name Co and Regt is cut the plantation where his remains rest is owned by a man by the name of Turner it is about 4 miles below the railroad bridge leading from Marietta to Atlanta Ga in Fulton County

Well dear Madam I would in this letter which is penned under the loud roar of artillery [sic] and bursting shells nearly in all directions offer you words of consolation knowing that consoling words is of seldom of but little comfort to the deeply wounded heart yet I do so from my heart sympathize with you in this your greatest and most heart rending trial of life While I can not feel the irreparable loss in all its painful and heart rending powers yet I feel my loss in my departed brother in arms But while I mourn a noble and dear friend I am free to acknowledge that you mourn the loss of a devoted and dear husband Ambrose has been my constant friend for the years but 3 years in the face of the enemies of our country and in hand in hand combat battling for the right of posterity [sic] has doubly endeared him to me I have looked on that calm soldiers face in battle my last time he has done his duty nobly [sic] and the thread of life has never been cut off a braver man Brave and yet cool and composed in the hottest conflict that it has ever yet been his lot to engage in which conflict has been common in 3 years of war life his conduct as a soldier is unimpeachable in his life he had the confidence and esteem of both officers and men of his entire acquaintance which was very extensive for such soldiers as Ambrose Doss is not common in our army hence his acquaintances [sic] was sought by all good men Dear Neighbor in conclusion of this already lengthy letter I will speak of your husband in regard to his morality and Christian Deportment While the heart sickens and grieves [sic] sad at the loss of loved ones and the cruelty of war and bloodshed we look far away beyond this veil of tears and sorrows and then consider the Christian conduct that marked the life of our galant [sic] brother in arms We are bound to exclaim with joy after all our grief that our loss is his Eternal gain he is gone from this world – mortality has put on immortality but rejoice with his comrades [sic] in battle for his last hard battle has been fought and he is more the victor, the battle cry will no more reach his ear – no more will the hoarse sound of mortal music salute him – the clash of arms to him has ceased his spirit has took its flight from this world of troubles and sorrows – his bosom has heaved its last sigh concerning loved ones at home his spirit rests beyond this world of strife with God who gave it – where his happiness is complete – living and reigning with holy angles [sic] and spirits of just ones made perfect – being heir of God and joint heir of Jesus Christ then grieve not dear neighbor Altho [sic] the cross is heavy indeed – yet your husband has only gone before and a few more tears and sighs – a few more fleeting months or years and you go home to meet him where parting is at end – so press back the tears and stop the upheaving bosom as much as nature will admit and rejoice in God who orders all things James and John Rogers is

trying to keep all of his things they can send to you when they have a opportunity if thair [sic] is anything that I have not wrote that you wish to know write to me and your letter will be promptly answered – let my folks know I am well first chance you get

Your friend

J. W. Rouse