

George Gregg Letters

Louisville K. Y. Sept 24/62

Dear Bro and Sister

Your kind Letter was received Yesterday and I hasten to ans, [sic] it found me well and in good spirits for we had just got orders to march we left Cin [sic] the 17 for this place we had a very plesant [sic] trip down the Ohio but the River was very low and we got aground twice the first night and footed it over one sand bar about two miles the next morning we were about a day and a half going 125 miles we went into Camp about 4 miles from Louis and marched down to the west side of the town, had a very hard walk but arrived allright [sic] and no one Killed we were sent out to dig trenches the other day and the Old Gen said that He knew that the 24 Regt would save K.Y. there is about 8 miles of intrenchments around here we expect to have a Battle here every day the Union Women an [sic] Young ones have all left the place but there is about 2/3 of the people here Rebels but as long as they dont [sic] pitch in allright [sic] but if they do we will burn the town for they expect old bragg [sic] has got a big Army. I dont [sic] know how many we have got here but there is a pile of them You cant [sic] go either way but what You will find them they are mostly Ill Ind Wis and Mich [sic] troops I dont [sic] know how they will fight they are all of them the last call but they are men every one of them and our Staff officers are good men but some of Capts [sic] are Dam [sic] mean but I have not been spoken too nor in the Guard house and that is saying a good deal, You want to know about towels I have a good one that ma give me hire my washingdone [sic] when we stay a day or two have a good pipe that Jeff gave me before I left we have good clothes and plenty to eat and I have not been sick a day Sate You did not say whether you got that money that I sent in that letter or not I sent twenty dollars in Green backs and wrote to Jeff to pay wells 80 more and have made an allotement [sic] of 4 more per month which I want you to keep for me and if I live I shall come back and spend it if I don't You can do it for me Billy is very sick this morning was taken this morning a sort of chill fever there is a good many of the Boys in the hospital Billy has not had the Ledger sent to him I don't know as I have anything more to write only let me know about that money as soon as You get this write me at Louisville let me know how You and the babies Jim and Jeff get along I dont [sic] as there is any thing I want only to get out of this and I dont [sic] know how that is to be done write soon and oblige George a kiss for Bert and Sis from George

Camp Hooker Sept 13/62

Dear Bro

I wrote You this morning but all was excitement and I forgot to mention the Co. and Captins [sic] name I am in Company D Captin[sic] A. Philbrook I did not mention the business I wanted to either Wells I understand that Fred Thorpe has received a Colonels [sic] Commission now Wells You have done a dam [sic] sight for me I know and you can do more for me now than you ever did before if you are a might too [sic] You probably know that Second Lieutenants are appointed out of the Regular Army now Wells I can drill [crossed out s] for Christs Sake can go through the manual of Arms like a cuss now Wells a commissioned Officer is allright [sic] Fred is a Mason and so are you and you know that Masons are bound to help each other and when that extra Session meets you want to just pick [illegible] right up to the [illegible] troops are arriving every hour enclosed please find \$20.00 You shall have every cent I can Spare Give love to friends go for Thorpe and oblige Your Bro George Gregg

direct to Cin Ohio 24 Reg

[Stamp woman's portrait and caption "The Girl left behind me.]

Bowling Green Nov 3/62

Well Coe how are You I am alive but somewhat Blistered on the Soles and chafed well you know where your Letter of the 20th came along of course and I was dam [sic] glad to hear from You and hear You were making big mon this fall hope You will get rich enough before I get back to let me run that mill Bill I don't know where He is but I know where He would have been if He had marched and carried the Load that I have since we left Louisville Well the long and short of it is He would have been deader than Hell that is pretty rough but a fellow will get rough by joining the union Army, Wells I want You to send me some stamps and when we get into Winter quarters I want Boots and gloves but the hell of it is us privates dont [sic] know any thing [sic] about it You see as the west Bend Post says bully for the Post wish I was tied up to it instead of this place I guess You would too if You had to walk a month Steady and on half rations most of the time and Sleep out of Doors with out [sic] a tent I see the 29 Regt Slept without theirs one night which was caused by some neglect of their officers I guess they will see some more neglects on some ones [illegible] after they have been in the Service as long as we have Wells that is the treatment we have had as sure as You live since we left Louisville, I understand they intend to Draft in Wis Wells You want to try like Hell now for

a chance for me, tell Berty He will see me soon if His pap votes for Brown for congress I am in a hurry Love to all

Good by

George

Direct to Louisville

Nashville Dec 19/62

Bro Wells

It has been sometime since I have written to You the reason was I was waiting to have Sate Ans my last and then one from me would Ans both I received the money and mittens all right and begin to feel like old Roper again we have done nothing but Picket duty since We have been here I tell You what it does the Boys brave to rest but Old Bragg says We have got to fight if We advance 15 miles well I think so too and I guess our Genls [sic] do they have got a large force and are strongly fortified some 19 miles from here we made a move out 5 or 6 miles to see if we could find them but found nothing but their Pickets which we drove in and they did the same with ours the other day, Well Wells what do you think of Genl [sic] Burnside I will stake all that I can earn while I am in the Army that He dont [sic] take Richmond and another thing Old Abe never can make the Border State Troops help carry out his Proclamation they are deserting by the hundreds there was 70 out of one Co in one night out of a K.Y. Regt I would like to see the South licked back into the union but Wells it will be when You and are under the sod if they don't think of some other plan off [sic] fighting We have not got any more troops now in the field according to the adjutant Genls [sic] report than we had a Year ago and they are no better Armed and not so well drilled what do you think of it just let me know the weather here is as fine as You ever saw it in Sept and Oct in Wis the health of the Regt is good Billy has got His discharge glad of it I am going for mine in a few days but come to think I will wait untill [sic] the first of next month Some dark night when we are out stealing niggers I can slip off and get paroled I can go and get one now for 25 cents but our old Genls [sic] are dam [sic] cute Here they make these fellows wear night caps through the streets in Nash and that would not just suit me at present as Wis is the place I want to go too [sic] Well Coe I have wrote all the news nonsense I can think of and want you to do the same how does mary [sic] get along give love to all old friends I wish you would send Berts [sic] Picture write often and oblige

George W Gregg

Provost Marshal's Office Pass for Bearing Bodies

Provost Marshal's Office.

MURFREESBORO, TENN. Jan 28th 1863.

Guards and Pickets,

Will pass the Bearer A. W. Coe with bodies of Lt Bleyr and private Gregg to Nashville

Good for 2 days

By order of Wm L Slaughter

Col and PROVOST MARSHAL

Permission to place dead bodies Form

Provost Marshals Office

Murfreesboro Jany [sic] 28th 63

Permission is given to put the bodies of Lieut [sic] Blayer and Private Gregg in one of the vacant rooms of the City Hotel

By order of

Col Wm L Slaughter

Prov Marshal

Per. H. S. Fisher

Act [sic] Adj. [sic]