

Albert Henry Letters and Records

Camp [illegible] Sep 11th 1862

Dear Brother I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know how I am and what we are a doing I am well at present and I hope that these few lines will find you the same I have not received any letters from you yet I dont [sic] know why I dont [sic] get any the Boys hear [sic] has got three or four I should like to know whether you got my mine or not I sent it home with Capt [sic] Blair and he has not Come back yet two days ago we had marching orders to leave and we packed up and struck tents and marched to Louisville there we had orders to come back I dont [sic] know whare [sic] we was a going some said that we was a going to cincinati [sic] and some said we was a going to Nashville I think that we will leave hear [sic] soon thare [sic] was one Reg of the Briggade [sic] left last night I think we will go soon thare [sic] is an artist hear [sic] now and I was drawn to get my picture taken But it was so full that I could not I will get it taken and send it to you I expect that the mail dont [sic] Run through to Indinapolis [sic] at present But I will keep writing and you will get them some time there is some thing els [sic] that I want to tell you that is we are Camped on John Breckenridge farm I was out on picket guard the other day and I found Robert C Breckenridge monument it was in an old orchard it was quite a curiosity it was made of common stone and it was coverd [sic] with moss it is fun to go out on picket for sometimes they go out about 2 or 3 miles and they can get any thing they want to eat I volunteerd [sic] to go out once and thare [sic] was a womman [sic] give me a Backed [sic] turkey and a Baked chicken and some warm [illegible] and some Butter and some eggs I have all that I want to eat for if they dont [sic] give it to me I make them give me what I want most every farm has about an acre of sweet pottatoes [sic] and they are as big as my arm peaches is most all gone hear [sic] if we get any we have to go out quite a peac [sic] I wish we would leve [sic] hear [sic] now for we have prettinear [sic] striped [sic] this place the 100th Illinois [sic] Reg is hear [sic] and Dian hart is hear [sic] with hur [sic] husband she looks as natural as ever I think that we will leave for cincinati [sic] for the Rebbels [sic] are Advancing up thare [sic] I have no more time to write any more So Good Bye Direct your letter to A L Henry

Louisville Kentuckey [sic]

Co H 88 Reg Ind Vol

In Care of Capt [sic] Blair

A L Henry

[written on margins and bottoms of the pages]:

I have wrote to all of the friends at home But I have not received any letters yet write soon and tell me how mother is getting along and whether she has sold any of her stock yet I want you to help her

Louisville Kentucky [sic] in an old Brick house

Sep 24th 1862

[image on paper: Eagle with shield and ribbon and the words THE UNION, THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS.]

My Dear Brother

I take the present opportunity [sic] of writing you a few lines to let you know how I am and how the war goes I am well at present and I hope that these few lines will find you the same we have had plenty of excitement hear [sic] we are drawn up in line of Battle all of the time now we are in the trenches now But I dont [sic] think that the infernals [sic] will dare to attack [sic] us there [sic] was soldiers coming in all of the time I suppose that there [sic] is a hundred and 25 thousand men hear [sic] now around the city [sic] there [sic] is nothing But Soldiers in ten miles of hear [sic] the women [sic] and Children have all left the town this is a very large city Dwight tell the Seceesh up there [sic] that they Bette [sic] come down and fight for if the army should come up there [sic] there [sic] would not Be any of there [sic] property saved fore [sic] where [sic] evry [sic] the army goes it distroys [sic] evry [sic] thing that they come across I will Bet that the Reg that that I am in has distroyed [sic] ovey [sic] a million of dolars [sic] since we have Ben [sic] heare [sic] I got a letters from henry webster [sic] to day I must write to him you kneed [sic] not send me any peaches to me for I can get them hear [sic] all that I want I gess [sic] I will give up my Bugle for it is to [sic] hard for me to Blow it George is well as usuall [sic] I went out with one of the teamsters day before yesterstay [sic] to do some hauling and I drove six mules that was something new to me I Believe I have nomore [sic] to write this time I send my Best Respects to you and Kate Dwight Col. Sinus sens his Best respects to you Write son [sic] this from your Brother A L Henry

there [sic] is some of them at home that has not wrote to me at all But I dont [sic] Care I will write to all of them that writes to me

Dwight I wish you could see the soldiers that is hear [sic] it is quite a sight our reg is agoing [sic] out on a scout to day at tou [sic] oclock [sic] I am agoing [sic] along

Good Bye Dwight and katie [sic]

I wrote this letter in an old Brick stable

Kentucky [sic] Oct 11th 1863

My Dear Brother I take the present opportunity [sic] of writing a few lines to let you know how I am and where [sic] we are I am well at present and hope that these few lines may find you the same we have had a Battle I wrote a letter to you the [illegible] day of the fight and I have not had a chance [sic] to send it out yet we a marching on after Brag [sic] and we have stoped [sic] to day and I thought as I had a litle [sic] time to write I would write a few lines to you I expect you will hear of the Battle Before this will get to you But I wrote to you in my other letter Something about the fight But I did not have time write all of the particulars of the fight and I have not this time But I will write all that I

can we had a very hard fight our Division suffered the most of any that was in the fight we only lost a few in killed and wounded and some taken prisners [sic] and some of the Reg that went in the fight come out with only one half of a Reg they had about twice as many men as we had we did not do much of the fighting for we had kno [sic] chance But we laid under a very heavy Cross fire for 5 or 6 hours and [end of letter]

Camp in Kentuckey [sic] Oct 19th

My Dear sister I take the present oportunity [sic] of writing a few lines to you to let you know how I am and whare [sic] I am well at present and I hope that these few lines may find you the same I received a letter from Dwight yesterday and he said that he was drafted I was sorry to hear that But you must keep up good hart [sic] for I think he will not have to do any fighting for I think that the war will be over in a short time we have Ben [sic] on a march for three Weeks untill [sic] day Before yesterday we are living in Camp Near Craborchard [sic] in Eastern Kentuckey [sic] they say we will lay in Camp at Leabeanon [sic] a little town this side of Frankfort and Camp thare [sic] we will get our tents we have not had our tents since we left Louisville I think By the way the thing runs the fighting is over I received a letter from Maria and frank [sic] I was glad to hear from home I wrote a letter for Mother to day I Believe I have no more to write at present But I will write more next time So Good Bye Kate

A L L Henry

when Dwight writes to you you write to me and tell me whare [sic] to Direct your letters to and I will write to him I should like to see him and I should like to see you and all of the rest of the folks at home But I am not home sick But thare [sic] is lots of the Boys that is sick and thare [sic] is nothing ails them Being homesick

Good Bye Katie

A L Henry

Camp at Murfreesborough [sic] Tenesee [sic]

Jan 9th 1863

My Dear Brother I once more take the oportunity [sic] of answerng [sic] your most kind and welcome letter which I Rec last Knight [sic] I was glad to hear from you I am well and and [sic] among the Small number that is left of our Company after the Battle I suppose you have or will hear Before this reaches you that we have had a faght [sic] we had a gay time of it we lay on the field four days and it Raned most of the time we went in the fight with 300 men and Came out with a bout 200 I cant [sic] give you the particulars of the fight But I will write Soon and tell you as much about it as I can I think I can tell you something about it for i [sic] was in it four days and in the hardest part of it John Hull and Ira Pryer was killed Bill Rex and Frank Thomas and Sam Stauffer and Mike Johnson and Lieutenant Smith and John Smiley was wounded and thare [sic] is some more that is missing yet the last brush that our Reg had was Sadeday [sic] Knight [sic] our Reg was in front and we got so Close to them that our Colonel got a

Bayonet thrust in his Shoulder and he Knocked one down with his Sworde [sic] and another with his fist we drove them it was in the Knight [sic] and that was the last fighting that was done they left But when you hear the particular of the Battle you will think that I have Ben [sic] through the Mill John Webster was killed we got pretty short of Rations when we was in the fight they was fighting for over a Week But thare [sic] was onley [sic] four days of a General engagement thare [sic] was one Reg in our Briggade [sic] that eat a horse that lay dead on the field But we was a little Better of [sic] than that we kiled [sic] some hogs But the Battle is over and we are in Camp and I expect we will be paid off in a day or tou [sic] I have knot [sic] time to write any more this time Write Soon and let me know how you get along So Good Bye

this from your Brother

A L Henry

tell uncle Hiram that George is all Right

Partial Letter January 10, 1863

[beginning is missing]

killed our selves eating 6th started after the Rebs we went in town and took posesion [sic] and our Advance followed them up and shelled them and took a Great many prisners [sic] we went in Camp about a mile from town it is a Beautiful Country the Rebbels [sic] had a very large force hear [sic] they did not intend that we should whip them for they had Built little Cabbins [sic] and huts to live in it is quite a curiosity to see so many of them it looks like little towns we have went into Camp and have pretty easy times at present we will Be mustered for pay this after Knoon [sic] I will tell you who was Kiled [sic] in our Company John Hull and Ira Pryer Bill Rex was wounded Frank thomas [sic] and Samuel Staufer and Mike Johnson and Lieutenant Smith and John Smiley our Colonel was wounded By a Bayonet thrust it was in the Knight [sic] and we got so close that the Colonel Knocked one down with his sword and one with his fist when our Reg Started from Louisville we had [illegible number] men in our Company and now we can only muster 25 men thare [sic] is onley [sic] [illegible number] men in the Reg that shows what kind of times we have had I have got through so far safe and I have went through all of the hardships that any of the rest has I have escaped so far I had a Bullet go though [sic] my Coat and one struck my gun But they whistle around my head like Bumble Bees But the worst of all is those infernal Shells they come a screeching around a fellow and they are Knot [sic] anny [sic] ways musical Oh Soldier will you woork [sic] who will Knot [sic] Be a soldier this is all that I have to write this time so Good Bye Dwight A L Henry

[written on the same paper as the letter above] Jan 10th 1863

My Dear Sister I take the opertunity [sic] of writing a few lines to you and Dwight I am well at present and I hope that these few line may find you the same I was glad to hear that the Girls are a getting along so well for they may as well learn to get along with out

the Boys at first as last for the Boys will all Be dedd [sic] before three years if the Boys are all alike me it wont [sic] make any difference for I dont [sic] care a Billey Be Darne [sic] about them thare [sic] is Better looking Girls down hear [sic] in Rebbledom [sic] than thare [sic] is up thare [sic] So nothing more at present But remain as ever your Brother

A L Henry

Handwritten Inventory of Effects
Camp near Murfreesboro Tenn

March 10th 1863

Inventory of the effects of Albert Henry Private of Co H 88th Regt Ind Vols deceased who died in camp Hospital near Murfreesboro Tenn February 3rd 1863

One Knapsack

One Blanket

One Dress Coat

One Pair Shoes

One Knife

One Cape

One Pocket Book

I certify on honor that the above named articles were all the effects of Albert Henry deceased and were given to his Brother at Edgerton Ohio

Near Murfreesboro Tenn

March 10th 1863 Capt [sic] Lewis J Blair

Comdg [sic] Co H 88th Ind

Handwritten Descriptive Roll/Death Notice

Albert Henry Private late of Captain Lewis J Blairs [sic] Co H of the 88th Regiment Indiana Volunteers was enlisted by Lewis J Blair on the 13th Day of August 1862, to serve Three years, he was born in Defiance County in the State of Ohio is eighteen years of age five Feet Eight inches high Light complexion Hazel eyes Black hair and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer, Died in Camp Hospital at Murfreesboro Tennessee On the Third day of February, 1863.

Near Murfreesboro Tenn

March 10th 1863 Captain Lewis J Blair

Comdg [sic] Co H 88th Ind Vol

Casualty Sheet

CASUALTY SHEET

Name: Albert L Henry

Rank: private Company: H Regiment 88th

Arm: Infantry State: Ind

Nature of Casualty: Death

CAUSE OF CASUALTY – (NAME OF DISEASE, etc.)

Not Given

DEGREE OF DISABILITY. [blank]

BY WHOM CERTIFIED.

Capt [sic] Blair

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, etc.

Died Feb 3 1863

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, etc.

Murfreesboro Tenn

BY WHOM DISCHARGED. [blank]

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

J and FS sent 2d Auditor March 23 1863

Effects deliverd [sic] to Brother

J. and F.S. sent 2d aud [sic] Nov 28, 1863

S.M. Brooks

Clerk.

Casualty Sheet

CASUALTY SHEET

No. [blank]

Albert L Henry private of Company H 88 regiment of Ind Inf State Volunteers.

NATURE OF CASUALTY.

Death Feb 3 1863

Descriptive Book Form
H 88 Ind.

Albert Henry

[blank], Co. H, 88 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Appears on Company Descriptive Book of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 18 years; height 5 feet 8 inches.

Complexion light

Eyes hazel; hair brown

Where born Defiance Co Ohio

Occupation farmer

ENLISTMENT.

When Aug 13, 1862.

Where Newville

By whom L J Blair; term 3 y'rs. [sic]

Remarks: [blank]

Cardozo

Copyist.

Company Muster-in Roll Form for August 1862
H 88 Ind.

Albert Henry

Pvt., Co. H, 88 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Age 18 years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated Camp
Morton Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 29, 1862.

Muster-in to date Aug. 29, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 13, 1862.

Where Newville

Period 3 years.

Bounty and premium paid \$27; due \$[blank]

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

Collings

Copyist.

Returns Form

H 88 Ind.

Albert Henry

Pvt, Co. H, 88 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Appears on Returns as follows:

Feb. 1863 Loss. Feb. 4/63 Murfreesboro, Tenn Died of disease in camp

Book mark [blank]

J H Thomas

Copyist.

Muster-out Roll Form June 1865

H 88 Ind.

Albert Henry

Priv, Co. H, 88 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Age 18 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated Washington DC, June 7, 1865.

Muster-out to date [blank], 186[blank].

Last paid to [blank], 186[blank].

Clothing account:

Last settled [blank], 186[blank]; drawn since \$[blank]

Due soldier \$[blank]; due U.S. \$[blank]

Am't [sic] for cloth'g [sic] in kind or money adv'd \$[blank]

Due U.S. for arms, equipments [sic], etc., \$[blank]

Bounty paid \$25; due \$75

Remarks: Died of Fever in Regtl [sic] Hosp. nr. Murfreesboro, Tenn Feb 3rd 1863.

Book mark: [blank]

Bollinger

Copyist.

Overview of File Sources

88th regiment Indiana Infantry Company H

Sources

Military record – MR

A.H. Letter – AH

Dyer, A Compendium of the War of Rebellion, 1908 – D

MR: Albert Henry, famer, mustered in August 13, 1862 Newville, IN, 3 years Age 18, 5 feet 8 inches, light complexion, hazel Eyes, brown hair, born Defiance Co., OH

D: Organized, Fort Wayne, IN. August 29, 1862

MR: Albery Henry, Private, mustered in at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, IN, August 29, 1862 Bounty paid - \$27.00

D: Ordered to Louisville, KY until October 1, 1862

AH: Camped at Louisville, September 1862 (letters of Sept. 11 and 24)

D: Attached to 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Ohio, September, 1862

D: Pursuit of Gen. Bragg into Kentucky Oct. 1-15

D: Battle of Perryville., KY, Oct. 8

AH: "We have had a Battle...", letter of Oct. 11

AH: Camp at Crab Orchard, Kentucky, letter of Oct. 19, Move to Lebanon near Frankfort, KY

D: Attached to 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Corps, Army of the Ohio, to November, 1862

D: Marched to Nashville, TN, Oct. 16-Nov. 7, camped until December 26

D: Attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Canter 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, To Jan., 1863

D: Advance on Murfreesboro Dec. 26-30

D: Battle of Stone's [sic] River, Dec. 30-31, 1862 And Jan. 1-3, 1863

AH: Camp at Murfreesboro, Jan. 9, 1863 Letter of Jan. 1, 1863 “..we have had a fight..we lay on the battlefield four days and it rained most of the time...”

MR: Albery Henry, Company H of the 88th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, Died in Camp Hospital, near Murfreesboro, TN, February 3, 1863 Report by Company Commander, Captain Lewis J. Blair

MR: Personal effects of Albert Henry, sent to his Brother, Dwight Henry, at Edgerton, OH: One knapsack, One blanket, One dress coat, One pair shoes, One knife, One cap, One pocket book Report by Capt. Blair of March 10, 1863

MR: Muster out roll, Washington, DC, dated June 7, 1865 Bounty paid, \$25.00, due \$75.00

D: Regiment lost 9 officers, 55 enlisted men killed, 3 officers and 147 enlisted men by disease, total of 214

[image: photo of Albert L. Henry Sept. 22, 1844-Feb. 3, 1863]