at that time we at last got a squad of men & took position the artiley was planted now for work in a field on a hill the Enemy came up & they set a bout 40 peaces of canons to work & began to pay them back Ration of grape canister & shells they just made them like a harvest & soon we was promited to return yells as then Enemy was retreating & over men folowed them & gave them more than had ben given Gen Rosey se boyes work a way a cloudy morning some times turnes out to be a butifull day & shure anough it did we faught all day & gain ground never did i see an hour half so happy as then

(Lt. JEROME P. HOLCOMB, CO. G, 6th Indiana Infantry)

Camp near Murfresburo tenn
Jan the 8 1863

Dear Brothr P Sister
it is with grait happnes i set down to write you a few lines to let you know i am on the land of the living yet although i have ben a gain engaged in one of the hardest battles ever faught I have ben once more the lucky boy while a grait many of my friends met with the mestinger of deth on this battle field we started from ower camp near nashville the day after christmas on the nolinville pike leading towards murfresburo & comenced skirmishing with the Enemy the next day & marched in

a line of battle all that day
stidy fiting with the enemy
kep sloly retreating &
fiting but we at last
repulsed them & they dis-
apeard we then laid thare
two dayes & was orderd to
reenforce the troops on the
other pike 12 miles from that place
when we arived at that place
we found them very busy
fiting the roar of the canons
& musketry was like blast
of thunder we took ower posit-
-ion that night the fiting
seased till just at day
light the next morning
when the enemy atacted us
withe a large force & soon
thare ware a general engagement
a long the hole lines a grait
many was took on suprise
we engaged them as long
as posable but we ware

forced to retreat as the enemy
was coming on us like clouds
& ware flanking ower bruger-
-de the word was given to fall
back the men ware so confuse
they just ran in ever
direction while the enemy
began to sell like indians
& shooting down ower men
as they retreated & i must
say that Jimmy Keay
met with his fait wright
thare poor little felow
was killed instantly
as the ball pearced his
hart well we retreated
two miles & ware folowed
by the enemy in clost
persuit we ware in a
very bad condition as
ower men was scattred
in every direction we tride
ever plan to rally the men
but it was imposible

I got a letter from
Lis Myers
The other
Day & Siphroma
al Do
Pet Has
gotebor
Well iff
you to Wright
Yours from
J D Holcomb

Jan the 10/th 61

Camp Advanse
Hart Co Ky
Dear Brother &
Sister

I Haistain this Dreary
Morning to answer your
Kind Letter this Day
Recieved i Was truley glad
to Hear from you
I am Well & Harty &
trewly Hope that When those
lines comes to Hand they may
find you the Same We Have
a little cold Wether Hear for
to Dayes but Not as cold as
it is in Ind We Had a very
Plesant christmas considering
the Wether But as fore as
Rarites Was concernd We Had Been
Nothing But Crackers & meat
& coffee Rice & Sugar We Have

We Have Plenty Each as it is
But a rariety Would come
in play Me & N.J. Francis
& Jim Keay Sent for a
assortment of things
& i Sent Word in Wonewoon
Letter to give or tell
Look We Will Look
For it Ever Day

John Maison is Near i see
Him Ever Day he is
Well i Believe or Was the
last time i Saw him
& that was yersterday
i Saw Him & he is
a good Soldier Over men
Had a fight the other Night
or a Skirmish With the
Bungers But it was Not
much We lost three Horses
& got one man Wonded

Owermen took
One Colonel prisoner
& E Privets & four Horses
But i Have give up
Ever giting in a
fight the Rebles Wants
the union troops to give
them Emonts Holon Days
to fix in i Recom you
Heard a brent that
But i Will Vout against
that We Hear old
England is coming
Over to give us a trial
But i Say let them
come for We Whiped
them in Over infancy
& Why cant we do it know
i got a letter from
Pet Kemp the
Other Day The Wrote
that they Were all
Well Stephen is to Work

Camp Drake Term
June the 8th

Dear Sister

I Recieved your Kind letter In due time & its Contence was Viewed with Pleasure I was very happy to hear all was well — my health is very Good at Present i can Say it never was Better it appears i am a natrual Soldier if my health is alwais this good & nothing Else does not Befall me i will Content my Self in the army till this Rebbellion is down & the Stars & Stripes waves unmole-sted Which i am Sure they will do Before one year from this time I am now Reliesed i think in

I Recieved a letter from han & Siphronia to day they are all well

Pop i Sent a Sargents Comition to you to Keep for me i Would like to Know if you Recieved it — i Sent it by Parker He Knows leek he is a watch Pedler — I Will now Say that I have ben looking for a letter from Jimmey & the Baby But it never comes tell Will to Write to me & let me know how things are Working With him

I Will now close Write as Soon as Posible I dont Want you to Direct in care of Capt Finney

I am most Resecefuly your Brother Jerome

I have ben mustered as a comitiond
Officer as there has ben an order
I shewed that all men promoted from
the Ranks will be discharged from
the U.S.S. before they can draw pay
as an officer i have ben mustered
& discharged & mustered in again
as an officer i was cut out of
6 months pay as they couldnot
muster me to the date of my com
-ition which dated may the 30.1862
I have my comition or a duplicuit
my first one was lost on the Road
& the mustern officer could not
muster me ondly from the first
notice i recieved from the Gouner
of my Comition So i have to loose
my hard labor But it is on de
Sams gane i was very needy
to for i have ben bording off
from the Capt for over a year
& it costs a big pile to live
hear. Whare curr thing is so very den

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Onward to Victory.

December the 3rd
Camp 6th Ward
Harden Co. ky
Dear Sister
I Recieved your
kind & most
Welcom letter
& Was glad to hear
from you all.
i Recieved a letter from
Livonia & Hannah also
Han Role that they Was
a going to move Right
Off Livonia Role
that they Had
Rented Old zenas
if i knew Whare
that Was thare are all
Well. John is to Work
at His old trade

yo Role that i Was
Cut out by some
body i Didnot know
Ho He is i Would like
to know Hoo He is
But i Donot Belive
it for i believe the
girls Have more respects
for the Sol Diers that
are fighting for ours
Conterys good i Will
Sind you a letter
i got from one of
the zenas gals it
Shows What Respects
She Has for Soldiers
i Want you to Read it &
Burn it Do not tell
any body She Will think
i am Costing on it
Wright Soon Jerome to pop

The Zenas boyes are
all Well Except
John Elliott & John
Denton are both sick
but are git ing better
the Gizlown boyes
some are sick But
not Dain gerious
Henry Arnold Has
Ben very sick
i Had the Chills
but i am Well &
feel as if i could
Whip 12 rebles for every
Chill i Had
there Was a flag
of truce came in
yesterday to Ower
S Hed quarters they
Say that Old Buckners
Sun Was Ded &
He Wanted to git
Promition to take
Him to Louisville
to Barey him the Boys
Swares that they Will
not let him go by
the Rebles Burnt
a bridg about
8 miles from Hear
yesterday i cant
See How they Dare
Venture that close
to us the Kentuckyens
are coming in very
fast & Enlisting
in Ower Regt there
Was twenty came in
yesterday We Have
7 in ower company
there are good Soldiers

We lost a grant many
men them & other things
But the Rebble loss was
3 to One that i am sure
of Ower men had all the
Ded to bury & they got
So hardend to it that
they Would just throw
them in any Way
& Ever Way Some Would
throw them in With thare
Close all tore off & Some
Ware officers & they threw
them in With the privets
& Swore they Should all
be treated a like
We Ware On the Battle
field all Day & We got
So hardend to the
Brellets that We Dident
Care Only When a 12 lb
Come threw Ceiling Down
trees that Would make
25 Rails to the cut then
we would nod Some times

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Major General G. B. McClellan.
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. A.

State of Tenn
Af may the 1
Dear Sister & Brother
I Recieved your
kind & most
Welcom letter & now I stan
to answer it i Was very
glad to hear from you once
more i was Sorow to hear
that Will Was Sick or had
been you never Wrote that be
fore i hope he Will get
Stout Soon i Dont like
to hear of any of my Relatives
Being Sick Or in trouble
I Recieve letters Ever Week
from Some Body i Recieved a
letter from han & harty both
last Week they are all Well