George Sowers Letter

Private Company E, 3nd Ohio Infantry in Camp near the Memphis and Charlston RR July the 3/62

Dear brother and parents I thought that I would improve an other opertunety [sic] to rite [sic] you a few lines I am well thank the lord and hope that these few lines will find you the Same We have travled [sic] Some and distence [sic] Since I rote [sic] to you last we are now in camp five milds [sic] north east of decaiter [sic] alabama [sic] we went through decaiter [sic] last Saterday [sic] it is a Small town and not much to be seen the bridg [sic] is burent [sic] a cross [sic] the tennasee [sic] river thare [sic[and we crost [sic] the river in a fery [sic] boat we are on the northern Side of the river again and I dont [sic] care a darn if we ever cross it again I haint [sic] got much news to tell you at present for we dont [sic] hear any thing I would like to hear some war news we dont [sic] get to hear how any thing is agoing [sic] and what little we do hear we cant [sic] beleave [sic] and we dont [sic] beleave [sic] onley [sic] one fourth what we tell our selves I wish that you would send me a news paper [sic] once in a while and a letter for I haint [sic] got any from you for too [sic] month or more I gess [sic] that the letters dont [sic] go nor come very regular but I shant [sic] blame you for that nor you cant [sic] blame me if letters dont [sic] I hope that we will soon get to some perminent [sic] Camp whare [sic] we can get and send things the old hat that I took from home with me is geting [sic] prety [sic] well wore out and I would like to have another one and it is imposible [sic] to get one hear [sic] and I dont [sic] like to do without for the caps that we get wont [sic] keep the sun of [sic] I wish if you got a chance to send me a hat like the one I had and a large pocket hankercheif [sic] and a cuple [sic] of shirts get some Striped wolen [sic] ones or something dark so it [written between lines] or some thing that wont [sic] get dirty atall [sic] wont [sic] show the dirt and Send me some tobaco [sic] for that is a scarse [sic] article here I paid fifty cts [sic] for what I could get at home for ten cts [sic] and Some paper and envelops [sic] and pens those are articles that we cant [sic] get here if you hear of any body acoming [sic] to the regiment Send them or any other safe way of geting [sic] them here I will foot the bill we expect to get paid off in a few days and I will send Some more money home if I can When you rite [sic] to Sophia tell her that she musent [sic] think hard of me for not riting [sic] to her and tell matilda [sic] that I haint [sic] forgot her but it is only [sic] once in a while that I get time to rite [sic] and when I do rite [sic] I rite [sic] to one and all your afectinate [sic] Brother George Sowers/general wood [sic] is our general