Louisville Ky December 10/62

Mrs Hannah Gilbert

Dear Wife

I resume my pen once more to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along I am well at present and I hope these few lines may find you the same. I have not had a letter from you for a month and this is the last one I am going to write until I get one.

I dont know what is the reason I dont get a letter from you. You either dont write or else I dont get them when you do write

dont wait every time till I write write any hour whither I write or not if you dont know my name or address go and ask some of the neighbors

I expect I will get my pay soon. I will bring it home if I can get to go I could get a furlough if you would write some ——— of the family was dying

the nights are very cold and I am sleeping alone and I have to get up twice a night to make a fire I wish I was at home to ~~make~~ make the fire for you it would please me much better

When you write let me know how the family are getting along how Lizzie and the rest

the little fellows are. and how you get along yourself.

They will commence to draft here soon there is hand bills up on every corner showing the names of those that are not exempted and there is a squad of men for every bill it makes the soldiers fell good to see that they have to come out.

let me know how you get along about wood whether you buy it by the load or not or whether you get any at all or not tell me what Leane and John Miller are doing

We expect a man round here some of these days to examine for discharge but I dont expect to get one for I am better than ever was Keep the children going to school reguler

I expect I will have to stay till my time is over and that will be pretty near 2 years.

Write soon and believe me your true and faithful Husband

Walter Gilbert

Adress

9th Company 2nd Batt
Invalid Corps
Hospital No 7
Louisville Ky

Write soon
WG

16th 1863

Murfreesboro Tennessee May the

Dear Wife & Children

It is With pleasure I take in answering your Kind letter of the 11th which Come to hand just a few minets ago I Was glad to Here that you and the Children Was geting over your affiction I Have bin very Poorly for 2 Weeks I am not able to do any thing if I Dont get Better I am going to try an get my Dicharge an Come Home for I am of no use here I got 4 letter from you yetter Day Dated my the 6th and I answer it as son as I got I think I Will get my money before long & as quick as I get it I Will send it to you

I Have not very much of
importence to Writ this time
for I give you all the news
yesterday I am not With the
Regt now I Theeft the Regt
on the 11th of this month becaure
I was not able for Duty I
Dont think I Will ever try to
go With the Regt any more
for I am not able to march
I Wish this Rebelion was
Crushed for I want to be at
home With my fameley so no more
But Write som Direct to
Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro
in Care of Colonel Lith
Smith

Comanding Camp

I Remain as ever yours
Walter Gilbert

Murfreesboro Tennessee May the 16th 1863

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Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro
in Care of Colonel Smith
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I remain as ever yours
Walter Gilbert

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Convalescent Camp June

Dear Wife I embrace this opportunity of Writing you A few lines to let you no that I am Still about the same if any Diference Worse I Have bin examined By the Doctors and assighned to the artilery But I am not able for Duty I Want you to go to Doctor Hall and tell him I Want him to Write out a bill of Disability Stating the Coordision of my Health so far as he nows and you take it to Doctor Porter and get him to sighn it and send it to me in a letter tell him he nows my Disease is qualified in its Nature to Disable me from servis tell him that I said it Would be a great favor to me and if I Lived to get home I Would Do as much for him as far as is in my power the army is leaving Here now their Was Heavy Canonading on our Right yesterday all the afternoon the 59th Ohio V and 13th Ohio and 34 ind Was atacked yesterday morning But I guess their Was none Hurt in the 59th Now I Clear I Will Close By Saying answer as soon as this Comes to hand Direct to Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro first Battalion Co C in Care of Col: G. H. Smith

I Remain yours as Ever

Walter Gilbert

To Hannah Gilbert

Convalescent Camp June the 6, 1863

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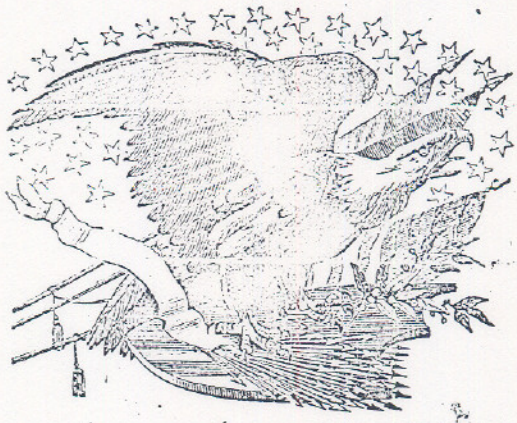
I remain yours as ever

Walter Gilbert

To Hannah Gilbert

To all whom it may Concern:



Know ye, That Walter Gilbert a Private of Captain A. V. Dachenhausens Company, (9") 2" Batt Regiment of Veteran Reserve Corps VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the Twenty sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty three to serve Three years or during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States, this 20" day of November, 1865, at Louisville Kentucky by reason of G. O. No 155 War Dept A. G. O. Oct 26/65 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.*)

Said Walter Gilbert was born in Portage in the State of Ohio, is Thirty four years of age, Five feet Eight inches high, Fair complexion, Blue eyes, Dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Laborer.

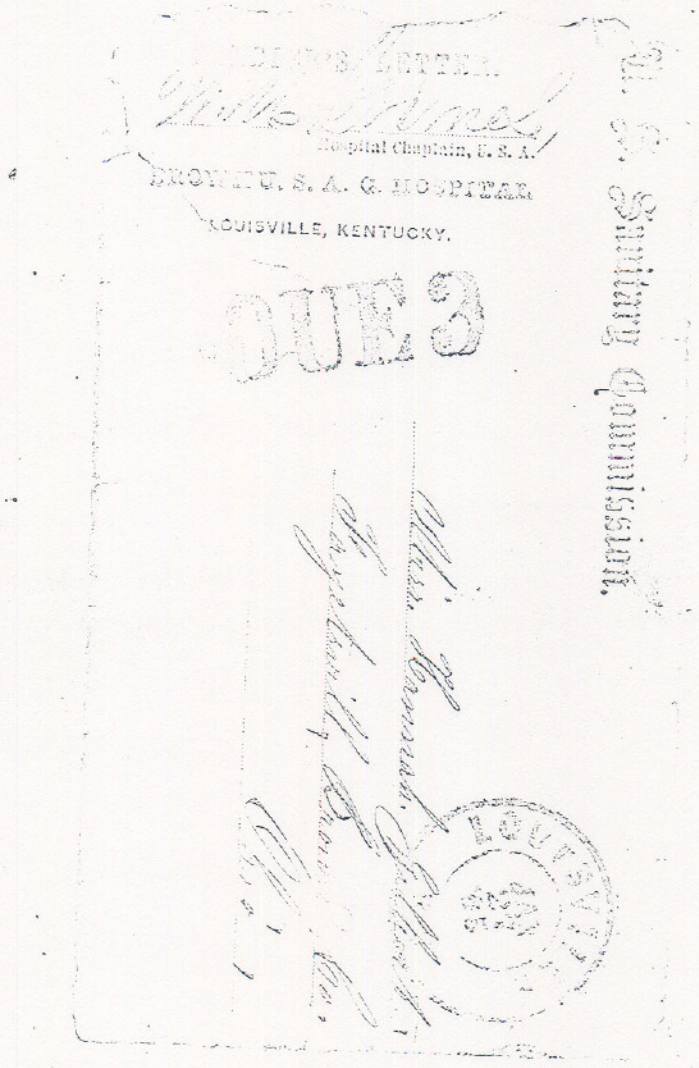
Given at Louisville Ky this Twentieth day of November 1865.

Ben. D. Graham
1" Lt & A. Q. M.
Commanding the Reg't
Dept of Ky.

☞ * This sentence will be erased *should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.*

[A. G. O. No. 99.]

Private Walter Gilbert was Transferred from Co. 5 39th Ohio Inf to the V.R.C. by O. of the war Dept A. G. O. Washington D.C.


Hospital Chaplain, U. S. A.
BROWN U. S. A. G. HOSPITAL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.
DUE 3
U. S. Sanitary Commission

Jeffersonville Ind. Oct 2nd 1865

Dear Wife

I take this favorable opportunity of writing those few lines to you hoping to find you all in good health as this leaves me very unwell at present Dear Wife I would have wrote sooner but being on board of a Boat I had no chance to write and since I left the boat I have been sick ever since I think I will get a furlough and come home and stay untill I get well. I have not a great deal to write this time so I will close by sending you my Love

Address Box 544 Jeffersonville Ind

So no more at present I remain your affectionate husband

Walter Gilbert

write soon

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June th 15 1863

Convalescent Camp hurfeesbo
My Dear Wife I take my
pen in Hand to ~~answer~~ infor
you that I am Well Hearty
Hoping the same With you
Money Business is Play out here
and I Dont Want you to
Done me any more for money until
I get it I Dont send it till
I get and I Dont no as I will
get any for 2 months or more
& as quick as I get it I will
send it I will send it just it
as quick Without Doning as with
for you no I Cant send it
untill I get they say they
are paying the Regt of as
fast as they Can But you
Cant Releive any thing here
unless you sel it for

Their is so much told
and as to Discharging I
Dont Look for a Discharge
untill My time is out I Have
not Had a Letter from you
since the the 4th of June
it is nice growing Wether Here
now But their is nothing in
the grave line to grow there
is Som Corn Here that Has
Come up With it own accord
that is ove Knee Hins their
is a fine prospect for fruite
their Was no Mail Come to
Day the train Was Captured
yesterday Between Nashville
& Lewisville therefore their
is no Mail to Day if you Haint
Got any money you Will
Have to Do the Best you

Can untill I Can send you some and that Will Be as soon as I Can get it When you Writ again let me no Ham is Working for Aderham Cervolt and Whether they are Hiring any Hands up their or not & What they are Doing I am Still in the Battry With the Big Canons Write What the General opinion of the ~~War is~~ People is about this War Whether they think it is ever a going to end or not

Give my Love and Best Respects to the Children tell them I think often about them But it is all the good it Does

Turn or over

& I will Close

Yours untill Death

Walter Gilbert

To Hannah Gilbert & Children

N.B. I never got the Letter that Marshey sent

Direct to Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro First first Battalion Co. C. in Care of Col G. A. Smith

Walter Gilbert

To Hannah Gilbert

& Children

June the 15 1863

Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro

My Dear Wife I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am Well & Hearty Hoping the same with you Money Business is _____ out here and I dont want you to _____ me any more for money until I get it I cant send it Hll I get and I cant no as I will get any for 2 months or more & as quick as I get it I will send it I will send it just as quick without _____ as with for you no I cant send it untill I get they say they are paying the Regt of as fast as they can But you cant believe any thing here unless you see it for yourself

Their is so much told and as to discharging I cant look for a discharge until my time is out I have not had a letter from you since the 4th of June it is nice growing wether here now but their is nothing in the grane line to grow there is som corn here that has come up with it own acord that is over knee high their is a fine prospect for fruite their was no rail come today the train was captured yesterday between Nashville & Louisville theirfore their is no rail toda if you aint got any money you will have to do the best you can until I can send you some and that will be as soon as I can get it When you writ again let me no how is working for Aberham Cervolt and whether they are hiring any hands up

thire or not & what they are doing
I am still in the Battery with the Big Canons
Write what the Generals opinion of the
People is about this war whether they think
it is ever agoing to end or not
Give my love and best respects to the Children
tell them I think often about them But it is
all the good it does
I will close

Yours until death
Walter Gilbert
to Hannah Gilbert & Children

N.R. I never got the letters that Charley sent

Direct to Convalescent Camp
Murfreesboro
first Battalion Co. C.
in Care of Col. G.H. Smith

Walter Gilbert
To Hannah Gilbert
& Children

PIERRE GUSTAVE TOUTANT DE BEAUREGARD.
At Manassas, July 22, '61.

PIERRE GUSTAVE TOUTANT DE BEAUREGARD,
In Ex'l, July 22, 1862.

Tofterwell Co
May the 24
1864

Dear husban it
tis withe great plasur
that iwrite you afne
lines to let you
knowe that ireceive
your kind letter and it found
us all well but lisey and
she hase avery bad ife and
inever received eny money
frome you since youe
went away you saide that
you sent some money but
inever inever gote yet and
write and tell me howe
you sent yet and inever
gote eny letter frome you
fore 3 weakes and write
and let us knowe howe
the wore is going on down
ther ife it is ever goint to
be over ore note and iwonte
you to write ever weake and
iwille do the same and they
have drafted around here

but they did note drafte
eny oute this town shipe
and lisey sayes that she
wille send you acisse and
iwonte you to come home
as som as you can and
chool comemest next weake
and then iwill send them
and peapel heint dome
planten conn yet and
wheat and oates lookes very
well well ibleive this is all
ihave to write this is all
to write this time sve
iwille close sve good by
write soon and often
frome your wife

Hanah Gilbert

May the 26, 1864

Dear husband it is with great pleasure that i write you a few lines to let you know that i receive your kind letter and it found us all well but lisey and she hase a very bad _____ and i never received any money from you since youe went away you saide that you sent some money but ineuer ineuer gote yet and write and tell me howe you send yet and i never gote any letter frome you fore 3 weakes and write and let us knowe howe the ware is going on down there ife it is ever going to be our ore note and i wont you to write ever weake and i will do the same and they have drafted around here but they sid note drafte any out this town shipe and lisey sayes that she will send you acisse and iwont you to come home as soon as you can and c_____ Comemest next weake and then i will send them and peapel heint done planted corn yet and wheat and oates lookes very well ibleive this is all ihave to write this is all to write this time soe i wille close soe good by write soon and ofen

from your wife

Hannah Gilbert

Lonaconing May. 30. 64

Dear Wife

I received your very kind and Interesting letter today And was glad to hear from you and To hear that you were all doing so well but was sorry to hear that Lizzie is sick with a fever your letter found me very well at this present time and I hope that I will keep well until my

time is out and I get
home again you said
that you had not got any
money from me or that
money that I sent you I
sent 20 Dollars to you right
away after payday I have not
heard any thing from it
since I sent it and if you
get it before you answer this
letter write and let me
know it, you wanted me
to write and let you know
all about the war you
know as much about
it as I do for the papers
are all [illegible], here they
are pretty hard to believe
We have been [illegible]
nice weather [illegible] the
past few days yesterday was
a butiful day the sun shine

out so warm how I wanted
to be at home once more
And walking around, you wanted
to know how I sent that money
I sent it by male mail
in a letter, there is a good many
of the 59 Ohio here wounded
and Tony story is here
he is wounded but he is
getting along very
well his he is round at
my tent two or three times
a day well as I have not
gotten any thing else to
write so I will bring my
letter to a close for this
time Give my best respects
to all of the folks and
my best love to yourself
and the Children Good by
from your most
affectionate and loving
[illegible] Gilbert

Louisville May 30 64

Dear Wife

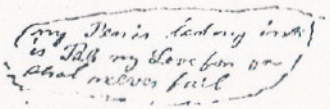
I received your very kind and interesting letter today And was glad to hear from you and to hear that you were all doing so well but was sorry to hear that Lizzie is sick with a fever your letter found me very well at this present time and I hope that I will keep well until my time is out and I get home again, you said that you had not got any money from me or that money that I sent you I sent 20 Dollars to you right away after payday I have not heard any thing from it since I sent it and if you get it before you answer this letter write and let me know it, you wanted me to write and let you know all about the war you know as much about it as I do for the papers are all _____ here they are pretty hard to believe We have been having very nice weather here for the past few days yesterday was a beautiful day, the sun shone out so warm how I wanted to be at home once more and walking around, you wanted to know how I sent that money I sent it by mail in a letter, there is a good many of the 59 Ohio here wounded and Tony story, is here he is wounded but he is getting strong, very well ~~his~~ he is round at my tent two or three times a day well as I have not

_____ any thing else to write so I will bring my letter to a close for this time give my best respects to all of the folks and my best love to yourself and the Children Good bye

from your most affectionate
and loving husband
Walter Gilbert

sent to some Hospital in
the North and I Hope it
Will Be to Camp Denison
for I Dont think I will Ever be
able for servis While I stay here But
their is A many a one here that is
not able for servis and never
Will be and they Cant get their
Discharge their is men here that
say the Have not bin able for
servis for 15 months and the
Doctors say never Will be able
for servis But they Cant get home
Oh how I wish this Rebelion
Was Done away With and God our
father Would smile With mercy
upon us once moore the news
is now that Grant has taking
Vicksburg and Captured their
entire force I Hope it is so
for I think if they are Whiped
out their that Wee can

Whip them at Richmond
and then I think they
are about played out and I hope
How soon for I think it is
time that men that is Diseased
and Wore out art to Be at home
they are sending a great may
of from here and from the feild
Hospital they are sending them
North to nashville and to Denisville
and some I expect is sent to
Camp Denison and Cincinnati
and I Hope I Will Be sent of to
Camp Denison now I beleave
I Will Have to Close By
intreating of you to Write as often
as you Can I Have not got
my money yet But I expect
to Be Paid of next month
our Pay role is maid out
I Would like to no how you
hevs I Was Wounded



(my Pen is lading ink) is Pd my Love for you shal never fail

1863

28th

Convalescent Camp May the

My Dear Wife and Child

it is With pleasure that I take in answers your Kind and Well Letter Which Come to Hand A few Days ago Truly Was I glad to her that you Was well I Have not enjoyed very good Health for some few Weeks past But I Hope When thes few Lines Comes to hand to find you all enjoying good health I Would like to no How you herd that I Was Wounded it is all A mistak I am at sick call this morning But I Dont no What the Result Will Be I Have bin their at sick Call 3 or 4 times & they Have never Have Done any thing for me yet that Done me any good I think I Will be

Joseph Tucker is here at Murfreesboro he is Division teamster I got 4 letter from my your Mother the other Day Dated the 18th I Have not answered it yett But think I will in few Days

So no More at present

Adue for the present

Direct to Convalescent Camp Murfreesboro Ten first Conva Regt. Co. C. in Care of Col G H Smith Col Comng Camp

I Remain yours W.

Walter Gilbert

my pen is _____ ink
is All my Love for you
shal never fail

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Convalescent Camp May the
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their entire force I hope it is so for I think it they are whipped out their that wee can whip them at Richmond and then I think they are about played out and I hope now soon for I think it is time that men that is diseased and wore out ~~ARI~~ to be at home they are sending a great many of from here and from the fields Hospital they are sending them North to Nashville and to Louisville and some I expect is sent to Camp Denison and Cincinnati and I hope I will be sent of to Camp Denison now I beleave I will Have to close by intreeting of you to write as often as you can I have not got my money yet But I expect to be paid of next month our pay role is maid out I would like to no how you herd I was wounded

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I remain yours W
Walter Gilbert

have nice times boys
be good boys till I come
home learn all you can
and then when I come home
I will try and bring you
home some present. Dear
Wife I will close hoping
you are all well and enjoying
good health. From Your
Affec Husband
Walter Gilbert.

Brown Gen Hospital
Louisville Ky July 17th/64

Dear Wife

I Received your
letter yesterday I am still
at my old post. nursing
my health is not very good
for the last week I have
catched a bad cold but I
think I can cough it off
in a few days the weather
here for the last week has
been quit comfortable I
enjoy myself as well as
circumstances will admit.
There are not very many
here now of very bad
cases but we expect more
every day from the front
they are taking the wounds
of all the patients

must have got nearly well to guard prisoners from Andersonville to Chicago and other prisoners camps in the north as they arive here from Shermans Army I expect to git Sixty Acres of land of old John Pettinger I had a letter from his wife yesterday stating that I could have it at the price I offered for it. So I think I will take it and hope it will meet your approval

John Joseph arrived here from the front a few days ago wounded in the arm but it is improving fast but he will never have the use of his arm any more he is as well as can be expected with such a wound he says he has written several letters and Recived no answer he wanted me to speak about it in my letter to you so you could speak to his folks for he is at a loss to know the reason he dont git an answer so this letter I will enclose two rings for Liza tell her that I made them for her so she must be a good girl the boys must not be jelous becaus I dont send them any for I cant have time to make so many they must wait till I come home in about two month and than we will go to Wisconsin and git a gun apiece and then she can shoot some deer then we will

Brown Gen Hospital
Louisville Ky July 17th/64

Dear Wife

I received your letter yesterday I am still at my old post nursing my health is not very good for the last week I have catched a bad cold but I think I can cought it off in a few days the wether here for the past week has been quit comfortable I enjoy myself as well as circumstances will admit. there are not very many here now of very bad cases but expect more every day from the front they are taking the names of all the patien that have got nearly well to guard prisoners from here to chicago and other prisoners camps in the north as they arive here from Shermans Army I expect to git Sixty Acres of land of old John Gettinger I had a letter from his wife yesterday stating that I could have it at the price I offered for it so I think I will take it and hope it will meet your approval

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In this letter I will enclose two rings for Liza tell her that paw made the them for her so she must be a good girl the boys must not be jealous because I dont send them any for I cant have time to make so many they must wait till I come home in about two months and than we will go to Wisconsin and git. a gun apiece and then we can shoot some deer then we will have Nice times Boys be good boys till I come home learn all you can and then when I come home I will try and bring you home some present. Dear Wife I will close hoping you are all well and enjoying good health. From your

Affec Husband

Walter Gilbert

Camp near Stone River
Tennessee April 22nd 163

My dear Son

I arrived here on the tenth of this month, but the busy life we have to live here has prevented me from writing to you before now, although thought of you all have ever been constantly with constantly with me, I hope that you will loose no time in letting me know how you all are, as I am very anxious to hear from home at present I am far from well, but it would be some Comport to me to know that you all were well, there is beautiful weather and a splendid country here but it is a long way from home, we have got no pay yet, but as soon as I get it I will send it home I have written twice to Mother but have got no answer yet. The battle field here is a terrible sight, as we passed through it for a distance of several miles there did not appear to be a single thing on the face of the ground, either trees stones or fences but what had been torn by shot or shell besides the ground was covered with wrecks of army wagons dead horses and long lines of Trenches in which the dead soldiers were buried, the smell as we passed over the field and for a long ways on either side was awfull, I hope my Son you will never have to look on such a sight. I will again tell you to write to me

soon and often we are close to the enemy now but I cant say how soon we may have to fight them our pickets, not twenty rods from where I write this were fired on about an hour ago there was no one hurt I believe, we have to watch the Rebels very close here Nothing more now. Give my best love to Mother Brothers and Sister and believe me my dear boy your affectionate Father

Walter Gilbert

ar Stone River
April 22nd/63

here on the tenth
sy life we have
me from writing
gh thought of you
tly with me,
se no time in
all are, as I
from home, at
well, but it would
know that you
is beautifull
country here

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Walter Gilbert

you say that you hav bin sick for a year and that
you hav lost the use of your right hand
I am verry sory to hear that you hav bin sick so
Pleas rite and let me now how you are and
what has bin the Case of your sickness
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I dont no that Benjamin had any Children when he died i never saw his wife alanson livs in farmington Oakland County Mishigan i hav four children three girls and one boy
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