

Loyal Wort to Susan G. Wort

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Co. E

remember me when this
you see nor think i have
forgotten the loved
one at home

Camp in the woods eight miles
from athens Ala June the 7th 1862
Dear and beloved wife iagain take
up my pen tolet you know whare
iam and how iam getting along iam
well and in good health irecieved
aletter from you today and was glad
to here from you again and to learn
that you ware all well for it
would give me grate trouble to
know that anny of you ware sick
and i couldnot come and see you
you letter brought mournful
inteligance to me in the deth
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a beloved SiSter this was verry
unexSpected news to me some
two or three weeks ago i had a
dream about sutch high water
and i thought then that iwould
hear of the deth of Some of my
friends and it caused me a grate
del of trubble iw was affraid of
that it would bee some of you
if you Should dy whilst iam
in the army my peace and
happiness in the world would
bee at an end for you and
the children was are the

only ones that can ever possess
my heart in this world you

Said that had walked to new [Newville, Indiana, a few miles NW of Hicksville]

ville i think that you are
learning to be a soldier and
learning to march you ought
to have hired a conveyance
to go with i don't want you to
make a drudge of your self

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to save money i love you
better than i do money and
can spare that better than
you you will make your
self sick in that way iam afraid
afraid don't over exert your
self to save money the letter
letter that you sent with math
scot i never got the one that
you sent with the four stamps
in and they came very good tell
you and the one i got today had
seven stamps in and i am very
thankful to you for them you
wanted me to come home when
we are paid of again i will come
if i can get a furlow and if i don't
come you will know that it is
not my fault for i want to
see you so bad it would do me
a great deal of good to be with you
a few days and get you
some wood chopped you must

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hire your wood chopped and
don't chop it your self it is
to much for you i should like
to be free from this war and
at home and i would tell them
of their promises to keep you
in wood the lying pups after
this i will take your advice i
think that you can see further
ahead than i can and i will
always do as you want me to do
you must forgive me this time

i hartly repent and ask your
forgivness we are to bee paid off
next week this is Saterdag tomorrow
will bee alonsom day with you
i wish i could bee their to spend
the day with you ihavnot got a
letter from John Since we left
nashville you must right often
as you can to me i right every week
that short furlow that you spoke of is
not So good as along one they ondy do
mischief LB Wort to SG Wort

[At the top of pages two and three, upside down]
you must kiss the children for me give my love to them

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

you can will give that square <lof?>
ring to my mother

Camp on Swancreek eight miles above
Athens Ala. Aug the 3rd 1862
Dear and beloved wife it gives me pleasure
to be able to pen afiew thoughts to
you and to inform you that iam well
at this time irote you last Sunday
and Sent you three dollars in the
letter britton Just got here this [Sgt. Finley Britton of Co. E]
morning i hav not Said mutch to him
yet <?> he tells the boys that he
was detailed to Stay at lewisville
ihavnever told the boys anny thing
aboutit for ididnot want his wife
to here it iwill send you two
rings in this letter and Sis one
these little presants you must
take and prise them for the
givers Sake tell Sis that iwill
Send hur another one and one to
Eugene and one to atta the boys
we all well and in good spirets
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breuster has got his commition as [Capt. Lewis E. Brewster of Co. E]
capten of the company and cheney [Lt. Samuel F. Cheney of Co. E]
as first lieutenant and John
Berry is second and that is all the
promotions that is made yet but
their is more to bee made yet
the boys all likes breuster
firstrate he is good to them
Since he is capten ithink that
we will Stay here Some time
yet we got orders this morning
to buind larger fortifications [buind = build?]
and fix up winter quarters

and that dont look mutch like
leaving here verry Soon well
that Soots me firstrate if the
rest will do the fighting we
will gard the bridges and
glad to get the chance we are
living rather poor at this time
we are on half rations and i
think that it is Scarce anuff

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at full rations it seeams
hard after beeing at home and
having plenty to eat itell you
it went hard with me to leave
home and all that is dear to
me in this world to me but we
must hope and prey for the
best keep in good spirets
for you and the children is
all that makes life agreable
to me you must right to me
as often as you can and iwill
do the Same and tell me how
your wood holds out <?>
irote John aletter last week
iwill right allen afiew lines
and Send in this letter iwent
out this morning and got Some
ripe peaches iwish i could
Send you Some of them i know
you would like them we
hav killed two sheep the
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other day and it went pretty good
we will knot Starve if they do
put us down on half rations
you must excuse my Short
letter you know that i cant
right a long one and isuppose
you will get tired areading my
poor Scribbling but it is
agrate sattisfaction to me that
i can read and right atall
we made clabboards and covered
our Shanty Since i came back
their was Someof the fourteenth

boys Staid with us the other knight
they live at antwerp one was
al tanner bill tanners
boy no more at presant but remain
as ever your affectionate husband
till deth L.B. Wort To
S.G. Wort
direct to athens ala

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Nashville Tennessee Sept 11th 1862
Dear and beloved wife it is with the
gratest of pleasure that iagain pen a
fiew lines to you to let you know that
iam well at presant and cincerely hop
those fiew lines will find you and
our loved ones the same ihav <ritten?>
you once Since we got here in which
igave you an account of a Scurmish
we had whilst coming to this place
on the cars we ware attacted by a
party of bushwhackers numbering
in all about three hundred their
was three companys of ours and
two of the 12 illinois the <????>
<??ld the track and some <????>
<train?> of the track they had <????>
<????> them selves in acornfield
about <four?> <rods?> from the track
They then opened fire on us and
Killed three and wounded Six
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<thare?> was one man kiled out each
company David thornton was
killed out of our company and
<??>mullix is mising ithink that
<??> right in whare the rebbles
ware and ware taken prisnor
when the rebbles fired our men all
<????> of of the cars to git reddy
to shoot and isuppose the foolish
thing thought they ware all a
<????> and so he run Some of the
<????> him run their was none
<??> company wounded ithink iwill
Send this by bill britton the band
of the 38 is discharged and are
agoing home bill was here

yesterday you Said in your last
letter that Should tell you
how many letters ihav got from
you i hav got three igot two at once
day before yesterday and it done
me agrate rel of good to read a
letter from you again

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you Spoke about <??> Scrups
you wanted to know wether
he was taken out of the bed
with hur or not idonot
know that i had gone to bed
before he did but he wanted
to go to bed with hur you may
know for he told the landlord
that She was his wife you may
not be affaid that iwill ever
get in anny Sutch idonot
assotiate with Sutch company
ihav to mutch respect for
you and the children you are
the ondly one that i love in
this world iwill Send you
two dollars in this letter
tell Sis and <?????>
their letter and i [crossed out]
icould read it quite easy
<?> tell Sis to right more
iam knot as well Sattlisfied Since
icame home it seames lonsome
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after Spending Such a plesant
<time?> at home with you and the
<children?> but ishall try and
<??> as good spirets as posable
<??> direct you letters to
<nashville?> ihav ritten you about
<????>tters Since i left home
<????????????????????>
<????>g he is at <the?> hosptial
<?????> the wether here is
????? and dry idonot know
????? we will Stay here nor
?????will go to you must
<right as often?> as you can

<????????????????>

<???) i send my love to
them with the hopes that this
unholy war will Soon end and i
bee at home with them good by for
this time by loved one
L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort loved one

Loyal Wort to S.G. Wort

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iam makeing aring today for
Sarah excuse poor righting
hand trembles to day

Camp at Nashville Nov the 15th 1862
Dear and beloved wife it is with
the gratest of pleasure that iagain
pen afiew lines to you to let you know
those fiew lines will find you in
the Same State of health iredieved
your kind letter last evening that
you Sent with Evans and you may
guess that it done me good to get
So late news know those ilove
So derely you Said that you thaught
from the reading of those fiew
lines that isent you that Jo
Smith was shot he told me
to tell you to tell his wife that
he was well but the man came
for the letter before igot it
done and ihad to quit and close
it up in order to Send it with
him this will explain it

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igot aletter yesterday from John
and Sarah but you Said in your
letter that they ware at Hicksvile
and ware well So ican give you
no news of them their is talk
of the army advanceing South
from here but Some Seam to
think that our brigade will
Stay here ihope this is trew
then we can get mail regular
ifigured up what ihav coming to

me in the regiment at payday
it is forty dollars and 22 cts
this over and above my wages and
i think this is doing pretty well
this with my five months pay
will make me one hundred
dollars i hope they will pay us for
five months that will be
quite a help to you i will send it
to you as soon as they pay us
of as <ins?> you need it you said
you got them two dollars i am
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glad to hear of that our captain
is sick and thinks he will go
home on a furlow and if he
does and don't go till after
payday i will send it by him
and if he does i will express
it to you tell al that i got his
letter and was glad to hear
from him he rights a verry
good letter tell him i will
answer it in a few days
you said that you had sent
some verses with <J?> anafin and
i should tell you how i like them
he has not got here yet
you said you felt bad because
you did not send a letter with
<J?> anafin you done better to send
it by Evans So you see as <??>
i always said there is luck in
leisure the boys are all
well i was waid the other day
and waid one hundred and
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seventy one pounds So you
see i am pretty fat i never waid
that much before ienjoy good
health the colonel said the other
day that the musicians should
hav swords and in a few days
we will get them and nice dress
coats So you see the band is
going to come out then i should

like to see hav you see us out
in dress paraid iwill get my
likeness and Send it to you after
we are paid of you Said you had
Sent your picture by <Ja?>nafin
iam mutch obliged to you
for that then ican kiss you
and press you to my bosem
i Just hurd that our brigade
is going to Stay here this is good
news right often and iwill
do the Same kiss the children
for me good by for this time
Direct to Nashville Tenn
From L. B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp at Nashville

Tenn Nov the 27 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the greatest pleasure that iagain take my pen in hand to inform you that i am quite well at this time and cincerely hope those fiew lines will find you and our loved ones all the Same this is the fourth ithink Since ihav recieved one from you but isuppose my letters has not had time to get their and got an answer the boys are all well with the exceptions of bad colds the wether here is fine and pleasant the knights are cool and frosty be we hav a Stove in our tents and we can keep comfartable their isnot anny of our new regaments came here yet from our part but the one that will yeagley is in is within eight miles i hurd that they ware
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there on the opposite Side of the river from us and igot apass yesterday and went over to See them but ididnot find them ithink they will bee here in afiew days and then iwill go and See them iShould like to See them isuppose will knows how Soldiering goes by this time ithink we will bee paid off by the last of this month they was making out the pay rolls yesterday their has been afire here every knight for Some time their was onr last knight but it was a house of ill fame and ihope all

of them will go the same way and
the old Sluts in them iwill get my
likeness taken and Send it to you
when we are paid of ithink iwill
get Six fotographs taken and then
ican Send them in a letter iwill
<of?> put in my Sword and dress coat
and drum and hav it taken

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Standing up with my cap and
then ithink that will look
nice not that ithink iam pretty
but that it will make a better
appearance irecieved your picture by
<J?>anafin and ithank you for it so that
ican look at it and see See you but
iwould rather bee at home with the
origional and with our loved children
and this <??>assed war at an end and
then we would take comfort but
this war is not at anend well ihav
made fifty dollars over my monthly
wages They Say that we will ondy
get three months pay at this time
well that will do you Some good but
iwould rather bee paid for five ican
send five months pay for the Same
as ican for three but imust take
Just what they See proper to issue
well iguess iwill hav to quit my
scribbling to close for this time
with my reports to all my friends

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Iremain as ever your affectionate
Husand untill death you must
Kiss the children for me tell
Esta to wright hug little letters
and Send them in yours it will
learn hur to right tell
Eugene to bee agood boy and mind
ma and pa will buy him anice
new Suit of clothes when iget
home god by for this time
right soon and often

L.B. Wort To

Susan G. Wort his old

pretty
good by loved one

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp at Nashville Tenn Dec the 1 1862

Dear and beloved wife it is with the
Greatest of pleasure that iagain take my
pen in hand to pen afiew lines to you to
inform you that iam quite well at this
Time and cincerely hope these fiew
lines will find you and our loved ones
well and enjoying good health i recieved
aletter from you day before yesterday and
Was glad to here from you and to
learn that you ware all well it is a
pleasure to me to get aletter from
you yesterday igot one from John
the one that igot from you had an
invelope in it with a Stamp on it
iwas looking over those invelopes that you
Sent me today and happely Surprised
to find nine of them hav stamps S<??>
iam verry mutch obliged to you for them
them verses you Sent with that braid of
hair <??> is verry <??> and verry <??>
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<i went?> yesterday to viset the 44 Indania
regament that is the regament that
Alex <?????> is in and ispent a pleasant
day with him they hav got better
Company officers than we hav
Alex cooks for the officers and i eat
dinner with them he baked a nice
short cake and they had fresh mutton
and butter and preserves that was
sent them from home <?> John
G<?nser?> <houser?> is in comand of the
company and N<?>te Thomas is a [possibly Irving N. Thomas of Co. F, 44th Ind. Inf.]
<??>nant they did not act like
our officers N<at?> Mall<??> is in
that company N<?>te Thomas was home

Recruiting for their company and he
enlisted with him at <noris?>town
isaw him and he looks well and i
think he will make good soldier
you Said your wood that i chopped
was all burned up and i must
Come over and chop Some nothing
would give me more pleasure
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than to bee able to do So
but iam a Slave to the
goverment ithink if i live to get
out of this Scrape they will never
get me in again if the union all
goes by the board i am contant
ly in aworry about you for fear
you are Suffering for the want
of wood and other things oh that
i could bee with you again as i us
to do and enjoy your Society then
i <??????> comfort we are Still
at nashville ithink we will get our
pay about wednesday they are
hav made out the pay roll
and ithink we will Sine it
tomorrow and yet our pay the
next day they are going to pay us
for ondly three months and they
owe us Six today and then ihav over
fifty dollars oweng to me besides
tell me if you dont think i hav
done pretty well ihav made up
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my trip home and more to
and ithink that is doing verry
well iwill Send the money to you
by exspress aS Soon as i get it
the boys are all well they are a
setting up the clothing list for the
year and the allowance is 42 dollars
i hav taken up \$37.22 So you See their
will bee some comeing to me on that
i Stoped righting to read aletter from
<you?><??> verry glad to here from you and
<to?> learn that you are all well but
sorry to here of your <????>ion

<??> my one relatives they need
not try to Set me up against
you for they cant doit ilove you
to derely to ever forsake you
i no you live as Saveing as you
can you told hur right whatis mine
is yourn and it is none of hur <living?>
business what you by make your
Self comfartable with the money
that isend to you it is yourn and you
use it as you please iwill right hur
aletter and give hur a piece of
my mind

[upside down at the top of page 1]
dont pay out your money to clost
keep <amuch?> to buy all that you want
and <ablige?> me

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Hamelton Tenn Dec the 19 1862

Dear wife it is with great pleasure
that iagain take my pen in hand to
pen a fiew lines to you to let you
know that iam well at presant and
cincerely hope those fiew lines wil
find you and the children all well
irecieved your verry kind letter
of the thirteenth of december and
also the letter that i am going to
Send to hur home i hav to call my
mother you Said you thaught it was
the thing that She neaded well
ithink so to i am glad to here that
you hav a plenty of wood i was a
fraid you might Suffer for wood
you Said if you was me you would
Send hur letter with out a Stamp
i backed it when irote it before
i thought of sending it to you first
and then i thaught that i would

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send it to you first and
and then if their was anny lies
told of about it you would no it
we are Six miles South of nashville
i donot no how long we will Stay
here a Soldier dont no anny thing
beforehand i wish this ungodly
war would Soon come to a close
iam tired of it and then ino you
dont take anny comfart of your
life and that makes my life
more unhappy their is a cainbrake
close to our camp and their is
oceans of robbins comes their to
rost every knight and we go
out in the cain with candle

and take a Stick and we can
knock them down they are good
to eat we had a potpy for
dinner to day i knocked down
forty Six last knight itell
you they are good i am a going
out after roll call i am

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righting this by candlelight
ihav no news to right you
isuppose you get more war news
news their than we can here
the wether is pleasant here at
this time you said that helwig
done your Shoemaking on the rent
does he work in the Shop you will
hav to excues me this time with
a Short letter their was twelve
drafted men Sent to our company
from finley they ware all
dutch they Just make a mess
by them Selves iright too
about two letters a week
iwill quit and right afiew lines
to Siss and you can cut it out fo<?>

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tell Esta that i will right hur
abiger one in your next letter
you Said that you was out of money
is Sent you Seventy dollars twoo weeks
ago by afellow that lives in fort
wayne isuppose you hav got it
before this time as he was going
right home the next morning
after i gave it to him itold him
to give it it to John and isent a
letter by him to John and told
him to either take it to you or
Send it by Some that he could
trust right often as you can
From you loving husband

L.B. Wort to S.G. Wort

Loyal B. Wort to Susan G. Wort

Camp Hamelton Dec the 24th 1862

Near Nashville Tennessee

Dear and beloved Companion it with much
pleasure that i again take my pen in hand to inform
you that i am well at this time and do sincerely
hope those few lines will find you the Same
this is christmas eve and i will wish you a mery
christmas i would like to be there to spend the
day with you but i suppose i will hav to
Spend it on a march we hav got marching
orders to knight i donot no whare we are a
going but i think it is to a town about 18 miles
South of this camp our forces went out on
the road to day and drove the butternuts back
they may give us a fight but if they do i think
we will be anuff for them ~~you~~ recieved
a letter from you yesterday and glad to here from
you again it had two Small letters in it one from
Sis and one from Eugene and i love to see their
little ones it tells that they Sill love their pa
and i can assure them that pa Still loves them
O that i could clasp all of you to my bosom
this knight it would be Joy to me untold
you Said you was in nead of money i Sent you
Seventy dollars over two weeks ago by a man
that lives in fort wayne and i think you will
get it ere this reaches you i Sent it to John and
told him to either Send it or take it to you as
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soon as he could and i think you will get it by
the time this comes to hand if not you will
Send or right to John and find out about it
Sent it by a man that clurks for mr Jacobs
his boot and Shoe Store by the name of
Isac <?>een John is acquainted with him well i
had to Stop and go and help carry us Some be le beef
cook to marhc on tomorrow all of the boys are

a Sleep but fin and me and we are arighting
i Just rote you one yesterday but i thought as we
ware a going to march i would right again and let
you no of it you can Still direct your letters to
nashville and they will follow the regament
i hav not gotten my likeness yet they was So
buisy at nashville after we ware paid of that
icould not get it and then we did not
Stay but a fiew days after we ware paid
off but iwill get it the first oppertunity that i
can get you wanted to no if our capten had got
back to camp yet he has been back three or fower
days he got married at defiance and ithink he
is in better humer than he was before he went
home he Says he thinks this war will never bee
Settled by fighting and i think So to ithink
this war is a bore an the people of this goverment
will hav to quit so good by loved one
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