

62 On the battle field near
Volinsville Tenn. Dec 27

Dear Brother: We had a fight
here yesterday. We left our camp near
Nashville and came here through much
rain. The first Brigade of this division
drove the rebels from their camp
when they took up their position in
side hills near the pike and their
battery opened on our Brigade as
it came up. They had one cannon
planted on a little knoll which
did considerable execution on our
left. We moved up behind a hill
unperceived by the rebels and emerged
near the cannon when the rest of the
battery made off leaving that cannon
in our possession. The word
"Shilo" is inscribed on Col. Hays
was the first man there. We move
again to day. It is a general forward
movement as near as I can judge.

Yours Truly,
O. B. Johnson

Marietta

Sunday July 24th

Dear Bro.

I arrived here
last night - and start for the front
soon. There has been some very severe
fighting. Gen. ~~McPherson~~ is killed.
The 116th Wis. is reported to have
suffered very severely. Lt. Col. Reynolds
of Madison being severely wounded
in the thigh. There has been no
general engagement as near as I can
learn though heavy fighting by parts
of the army. I can learn nothing
more of the 15th except that the
cavalry has been engaged but how much
it has suffered I do not know. The
rebel attacked Gen. McPherson & before
yesterday endeavoring to turn our left -
but were repulsed with great slaughter.
Though our loss was also severe,
the death of Gen. McPherson is a severe
loss. Gen. Canassan passed through
here last evening with his command
to the front. Kirby Smith is reported

fect to have reinforced the ribs, and
every body looks for a bloody battle.
I shall probably not have an oppor-
tunity to write until after the
battle. My love to Mr. Julia &
Buddy. Remember me to all
friends.

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Near Newfreesboro' Tenn.

Feb. 15th 1863

Dear Brother;

I have
received no letter from you for
I don't know how long, I think
the last was dated Dec. 18th / 62.

I suppose that some of
your letters must have gone awry
for I can not believe ~~you~~ would
neglect writing for so long a
time. We have been away since
the last of Jan. only returning
a couple days ago. We went
to Franklin in this state where
the infantry staid whilst the cav-
alry went in pursuit of the
rebels who attacked ~~Gen. Canby~~ Gen. Canby.

I have received a copy of Har-
pers Monthly* and some copies of the
Weekly from you for which I am
thankfull. The days are very wearis-
some except when I have something
of that kind with which to beguile
the time. I wish you would sub-
scribe for the "Atlantic" for me and
have it sent by mail. Also please
settle my subscription bill at the

*It was the Atlantic instead of Harpers

Journal office.

We expect to be paid off in a few days when I shall probably be able to get permission to go to Nashville to get a few clothes on my back again.

What money I own spare will be sent to you.

I know of no news whatever. They say a good many troops have arrived in Nashville and probably "old Ross" will make another demonstration when he sees he can do so with effect.

When he does move you may be sure some thing will happen.

My love to Fania, Julia, and that little fellow, my nephew; I have forgotten his name.

Can you speak once about having money enough appropriated out of Harri's effects to give Caroline an education? ^{What} can not that be done? She talks about teaching again next summer. She never can learn anything if she must teach all the time. I think what you suggested should be done by all means.

Her time must be improved now or it will be too late.

I wish you would write occasionally.

Yours ec,
Ole.